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COMMENT OF

Hongkong Housing

FITHE Civic Association's analysis of some of the principal features of the annual report of the Hongkong Housing Authority deserves close attention -officially and by the general public.

Concern is expressed by the Civic Association that the Housing Authority, by virtue of its uncertain financial resources, cannot hope to meet the increasing demand for proper accommodation; that the natural increase in population is itself sufficient to deny the Housing Authority realisation of a building programme that will satisfy the Colony's needs. This is a challenging conclusion, but is not easily rebutted.

The Association advances several recommendations which it believes could go a long way towards resolving the problem. They include: the earmarking by Government of \$800 million over tive years, to j be used by the Housing Authority at the rate of \$60 million a year; the \$300} million to be raised by appropriation from the Colony's reserves, and by borrowing from local companies and from the United Kingdom government; the Authority to encourage and participate in co-operative nousing schemes.

These are not unrealistic auggestions. possesses merit. Manifestly finance is the prime stumbling block to quicker and bigger building programmes, and even the raising of \$300 million in the course of five years would not produce all the houses required. But the money would enable the Housing Authority to raise an all-elected Council of Minisits target and permit a more rapid implementation April discussions. of its programme,

Co-operative housing schemes would also help, but the Governor of the island). chief difficulty in a place like Hongkong is to stimulate enough public interest in them. It would organisations as well as by Inch rearguard action." type of enterprise.

To what extent private enterprise is prepared to conhousing problem for lower achieved. and middle bracket wage shoulder some responsibility. The aim must remain -adequate housing accomeconomic rentals.

MARSHALL'S FOR SINGAPORE

Indissolubly Linked With Commonwealth

London, Dec. 16.

Mr David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister, said here today that his "concept for the foreseeable future is that our welfare is indissolubly linked with the Commonwealth."

Mr Marshall, who was answering questions at his first fullscale press conference here, said: "I seek a status of freedom in close relationship with the Commonwealth countries.

"I do hope that they will recognise that though Singapore is a small point on the map, and has only a population of 1,200,000, we are worth having as a junior partner in an institution of genius that we know as the Commonwealth."

addressing the press conference for the future. a few hours after the end of his week-long exploratory talks at what we seek (dominion are better than those in any question of internal self-

the agreement arrived at during status." his talks here "honourable and

come of the present talks. Mr Marshall and Mr Alam Lemox-Boyck Colonial Secretary, have agreed that a conference be held in London in now for a permanent political affected not only Singapore but April next of all Singapore's relationship for the future. To the very survival of progress. Mr Marshall said that at the Mr Marshall said that it would

Singapore. He said that the question of

FRIENDLY APPROACH

Mr Marhsall added that there was a "very friendly spirit of certainly require the com- approach" by the Colonial Office bined and concentrated during his talks here and its efforts of social and civic officials did not fight an "inch-

Government to develop In a further reply the Chief public enthusiasm for that Minister said that all the political parties in Singapore were agreed that defence and foreign affairs should continue to remain vested in Britain after intribute towards solving the ternal self-government was

earners defies forecast. Yet final aim was for dominion it is not unreasonable to status for the island colony, suggest that it should preferably dominion status with no help to me." the Federation of Malaya. He said that he had found

"cordiality and reasonableness In the methods of approach of modation for everyone at the Colonial Office to our present mission."

The Chief Minister was That was a happy augury we considered essential for the

"But the Colonial Office on the status) we may find more other of the surrounding territhan a little difficult government for the Crown achieve, and I have not the Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia and slightest doubt that we shall China." Answering questions Mr find 9,999 reasons given to us Marshall said that he considered why we cannot attain that

Mr Marshall went on to add: "But we shall ask for dominion status because we believe that machinery of government but He was happy about the outis the desirable solution."

THE FOUNDATION

political parties to discuss the him dominion status could be Commonwealth itself. Crown Colony's constitutional the foundation for Singapore's

press for a dute to be fixed for Singapore and the Federation defence and foreign affairs. We internal self-government for of Malaya could seek jointly a Luievo that is an honourable here tonight police and Arab single constitution of dominion solution—just to the United status, because both countries would be mutually strengthened. to the aspirations of the people He emphasised that. Singapore ters would also come up at the and Malaya were geographically, a permanent value." ethnically and economically a (At present some of the single unit and the present ministers are appointed by the separation of their administrations was artificial.

"Unfortunately the Federation

Mr Marshan wno sat in the glare of are lights trained on him for a television camera became very heated when he was questioned about seeking the nominator of fairness to all co-operation of the Mulayan sides and but it forward." Communist Party by a reporter from the Communist London fair on the subject of citizen-Daily Worker. "The Malayan Communist

the Communists is 'no thank trade, resulting in an increase in alliance. Some Arab states head-

The Daily Worker reporter asked Mr Marshad if he had raised at the conference the fact that the time was now due rose to ask Mr Marshall how no for him to fulfil his election could hope to make progress pledges to the people of with the Communists in the Bingapore to end the emergency Colony if he went into regulations.

WRONG PREMISE

security of the territory. But I recognise that our public security ordinances

Mr Marshall said that the idea of external self-government which he desired was the status of free men within the Commonwealth, in control of all the prepared to accept the realities of the position and vital interests of the Commonwealth in Singapore wanted "some basis the defence situation, which

A JUST SOLUTION

"For the foreseeable future," April conference he would be "a happy day" for him if he added "we concede to Britain pact. Kingdom and the dom.nlons and of Singapore—which would have Asked if he had expected to

get "such a degree of satisfaction out of his London mission," Mr Marshall smilingly replied: "Although I am an Asian, I do not does not consider the time right know how to haggie. Before I One Arab Legion major, a for a joint approach to dominion put a question forward, I sit in cousin of Hazzan Mahali the judgment on my own desires and ask myself what is reasonable." -Reuter.

"I get the lowest common de-Mr Lennox-Boyd had been

dollar earnings.

LOADED QUESTIONS

The Daily Worker reporter negotiations with them while abusing them.

"You do load your questions, "Your premise is wrong," re- don't you?" Mr Marshall re-Marshall. "The torted, "It is like asking why Labour Front of which I am don't you stop bearing your privileged to be leader has in wife?' There is no question of fact fulfilled its pledges to the our negotiating with the Comcountry and has repealed the munists. The Chief Minister of emergency regulations. It is the Federation has arranged a Mayors, on the first occasion dockers had already been intrue that we have passed public meeting with the Communists in on which Northern Ireland ro- creased in the spring, but the security ordinances which, in which he is prepared to listen presentatives have bestowed cost of living has risen this the light of the riots and strikes to everything they have to say.

Christmas Feature Highlights

Here are some of the feature highlights of to-day's Christmas edition of the China Mail: P. 5: What was the star of Bethlehem? Make sure of a happy Christmas,

by Sylvia Ward. P. 6: Do Ghosta prefer John Christmas, by Cottrell; Spare a though for Mother, by Janet Grey; A Christmas quiz. P. 7: The Christmas truco of 1914, by Crawford

P. 8: How Christmas cards started, by Ronald Boxall. Giles. P. 9: Space Christmas—a

Snowden.

diary left by an explorer to Mars in 1993. P. 10: How to choose your Christmas wines, by J. B. White

P. 12: Phone Call for

Bulganuschev, by John McKenna, P. 17: The Seasonable gift, by John Pudney. P. 18: Best stories of the year — how to make

things for Christmas.

Serious Disturbances Jordan

Many People Slain

Damascus, Dec. 16. killed and injured widespread demonstrations throughout Jordan today against Jordan's proposed membership of the Bagdad

According to reports reaching Legion regiments clashed with demonstrators and more than 300 people were arrested, including the deputies. A curiew was proclaimed

throughout Jordan. 10,000 Demonstrate

demonstrators clashed police and the Arab Legionaires. Council of its competence to new Prime Minister, was reported seriously injured. Hazzah Mahali has just been

sworn in as Prime Minister following the resignation on Wednesday of Said el Multi who brought here by General Sir Gerald Templer, chief of the The talks with the Treasury British Imperial General Staff. Party has for seven and a half had been very successful. These proposals were almed at years used brutality, murder Officials had told him that they linking Jordan with the Bagdad and arson as a weapon of in- quite realised that by giving pact which links Britain, Turumidation," Mr Marshall shout- Indonesia the hard currency sho key, Pakistan, Iraq and Persia Mr Marshall declared that his ed. He added: "My answer to sought it would give imperus to in an anti-Communist defence you.' A snake in my bosom is Singapore's own prosperity and ed by Egypt, oppose the pact. Reuter.

Another Honour For Churchill

London, Dec. 16. Sir Winston Churchill today received the Freedom of Northern Ireland's capital, Belfast, and the Port of Londonderry at a ceremony in the Mansion House here today.

Three hundred guests attend-Special.

SANCTIONS **DEMAND AGAINST ISRAEL**

New York, Dec. 16. Syria today demanded economic sanctions against Israel by the United Nations and also suggested possible expulsion of Jowish state from

world organisation. The Syrian Delegate, Mr Ahmed Shukalry, told Security Council that a "verdict of condemnation" was no remedy against Israel.

He was putting his country's case to the 11-member council meeting at his request to consider the Israel raid on Monday, in which at least 41 Syrians were killed. He warned the United Nations

Security Council that "war or no war" was the issue now in the Middle East. "This whole attack committed

by Israel is an act of war, possessing all the attributes of war except the courage and bravery of war," Mr Shukatry declared. He said the Arab governments were "now under great effort

and labour to face the wave of anger and indignation which the Israeli attack has aroused." NOT A REMEDY

Mr Shukalry spoke a day after Egypts Prime Minister Gamal Abdel Nasser served notice on the UN that he considered aggression against Syria to be aggression against Egypt too, and that such Israeli acts in the future would be met with all Egypt's armed might.

The Syrian delegate told the Security Council that a "verdict Nearly 40 people were of condemnation" was no in remedy against Israel. "It may we a remiedy against a party with a sense of international responsibility" he said. "But Israel has by now a record before the Security Council." Mr Shukalry charged that

Israel had persistently violated the principles of the UN Charter and added that persistent violation could mean the expulsion of a member from tab organisation on the Security Councit's recommendation to the General Assembly.

"Israel's membership in the United Nations is thus in ques-In Amman, the capital, 10,000 tion," he said. "The best I can do is to remind the Security apply its authority in

Initiative And Courage

Manchester, Dec. 16. Eleven-year-old Gordon Jones returned home after watching television to And the ground floor filled with smoke.

Upstairs, his bany nicce neighbour below. Before sliding down

drainpipe, Gordon rescued his football boots. The ground floor of the house,

in Rochdole, outside Manchester, was badly damaged. Nobody was hurt.—China Mall

Want More Wages London, Dec. 16. British dockers today decided

ed the luncheon at the city to ask for a "substantial" wage residence of London's Lord Increase. The wages of British freedoms at a ceremony outside year, in Britain, more sharply than in any other year since 1945 .- France-Presse.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier" RACE 1

Calamity Ben Lawers Queenpots Outsider:—Congratulation. RACE 2

Blondle Kerrera Outsider:-Thanksgiving Day.

RACE 3 gat2 emoentW Apple Pie Diamond Dahlia

Outsider:-Sportsmanship. RACE 4 Snow-Damsel Silver Wing

Helicon Outsider:-Golden Branch. RACE 5 Flying Dutchman Rebel II

Moonrush Outsider:-Ironside. RACE 6 Bonita

Fire-glo New Jersey Outsider:-Gold Crown. RACE 7 Tip Top

Souvenir Orange Beauty Outsider:--Tell-me-more. RACE 8

Mascot Corvette

"The Turf" RACE 1

Calamity Congratulation:

Quizette Outsider:-Evergreen. RACE 2 Blondle Kerrera

Many Returns Outsider:—Rider's Wish. RACE 3 Winsome Stag Solar Knight

Diamond Dahlia Outsider:-Icefield. RACE 4 Snow-Damsel Golden Branch

Helicon Outsider:-Silver Wing. RACE 5

Thousand Miles Flying Dutchman Matador Outsider:—Moonrush.

RACE 6 Fire-Glo Bonita Ben Lomond

Outsider:-New Jersey. RACE 7 Tip Top Tell-Me-More

Hawaiian Moon Outsider:-Souvenir. RACE 8 Mascot

Beautiful Lie Full Ahead Outsider:-Beautiful Lie. Outsider:--Kentucky Lady.

TODAY'S TEASER TIP

for the 1st race

Nothing could be more distressing

The teaser tip for the last meeting was C'est Si Bon which won and paid a dividend of \$14.60.

VICTORY CONCEDED TO DR EVATT

Sydney, Dec. 16. Labour Party chief Dr Herbert V. Evatt, leader of the Parliamentary opposition, was conceded his House of Representative seat today although returns from last Saturday's national elections are still incomplete.

1,004 votes in front when his leadership.—United Press. opponents, Liberal Willard T. Arthur and Independent Ian Trembath, conceded victory.

The Liberal Party of Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies was expected to ask for a recount because of the closeness of the vote. The Liberals, in a locked contest between the Marilyn was asleep. So Gordon | coalition with the Country Philippines and Yugoslavia for shinned 15 feet up a drainpipe, Party, won the elections and a seat on the United Nations collected six-month-old Marilyn strengthened their control of the Security Council was under-

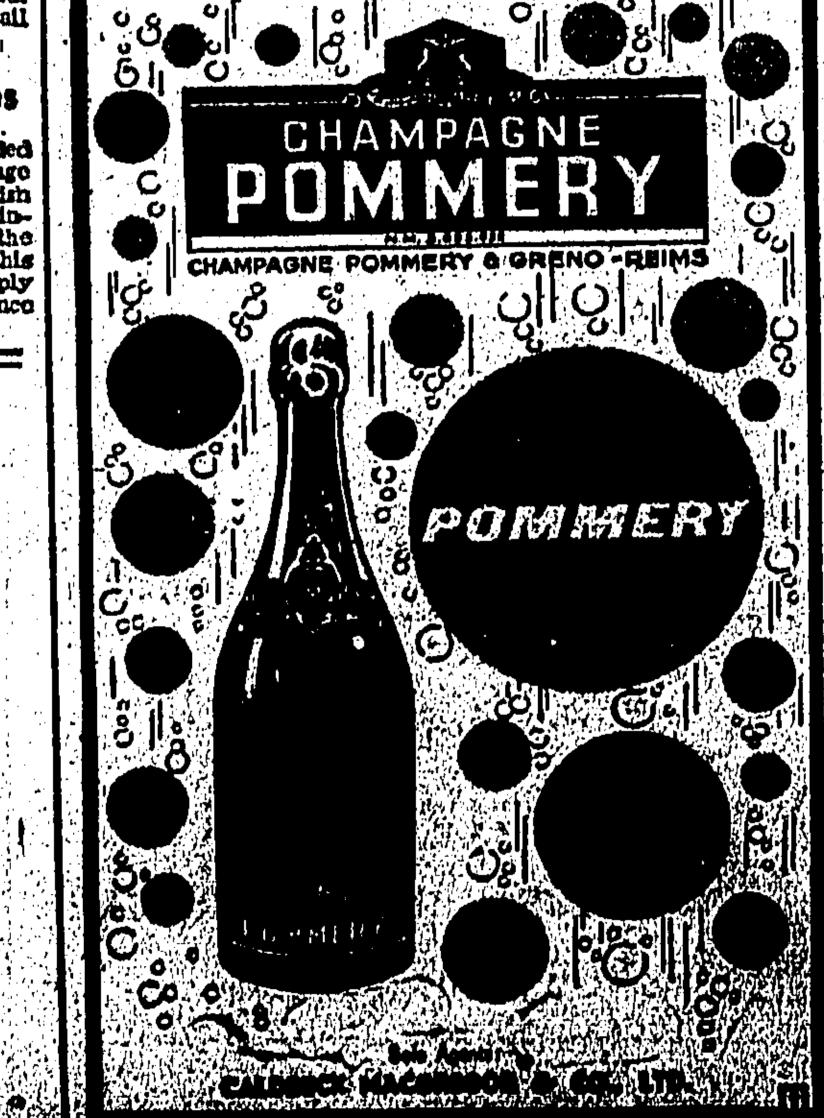
> chamber of Parliament. Political observers pointed out Under it each country would still dim: His Party's election two-year term .- Reuter.

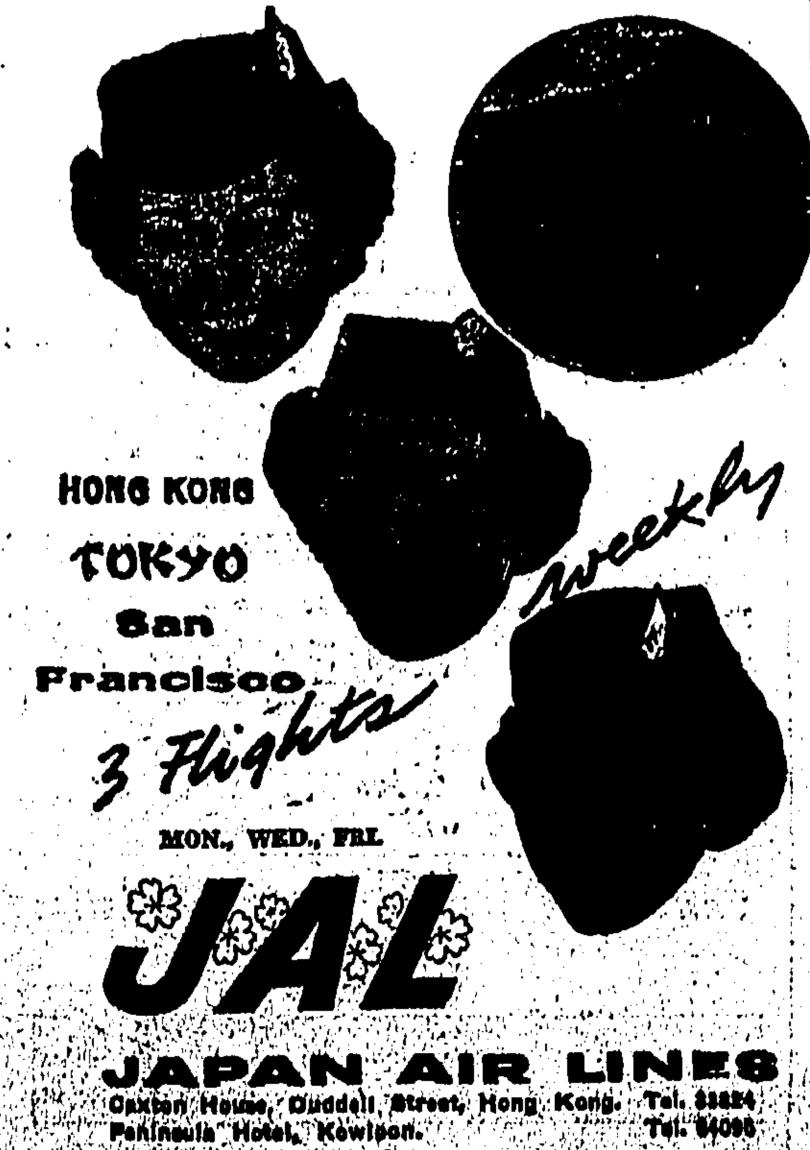
The veteran politician was idefeat was the third under his

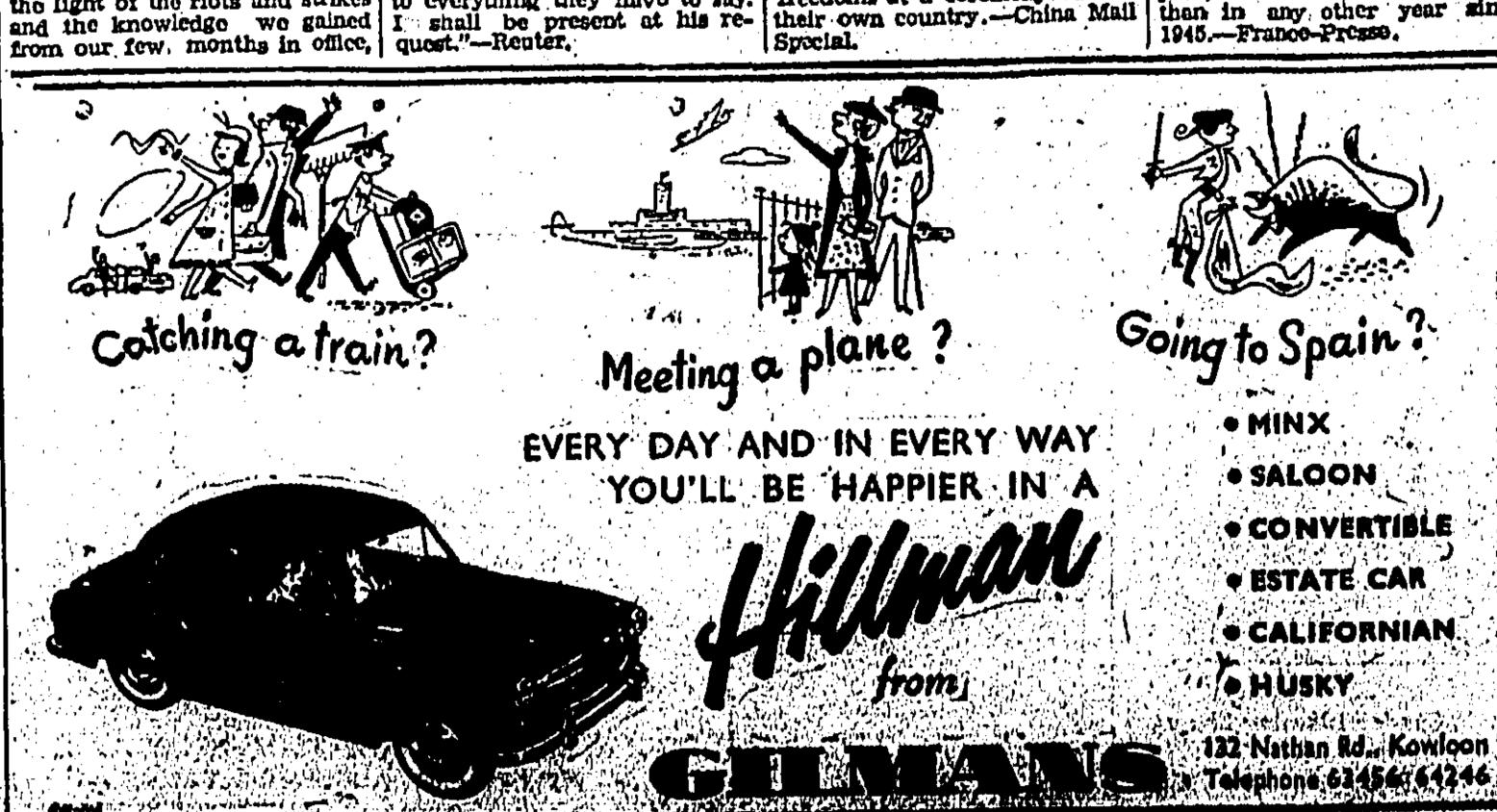
NOVEL SOLUTION TO DEADLOCK

New York, Dec. 16. A novel solution to the deadand passed her safely to a lower. House, the dominant stood to have been reached

that Evatt's political future is serve one year of the normal







TO-DAY

the Horning VICTOR McLAGLEN - REX REASON A UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

Free sample of "DANA" perfume to-day at Princess Paramount Movie-Star Calender for 1956 obtainable from theatre lobbies at \$3 ╺╏╼╏╍╏╍╏╼╏╼╏╍╏╍╏╍╏╍╏╼╏╼╏╼╏╾╏╾╏╾╏╾╏╾╂

EXTRA MORNING SHOW TO-MORROW King's at 11.30 a.m. Princess at 11.00 a.m.

A Variety Programme of WALT DISNEY-RKO TECHNICOLOR CARTOONS

Admission: \$1.00, \$1.50

Free "CLOETTA" Chocolate Wafer to patrons of this show

5 SHOWS TO-MORROW

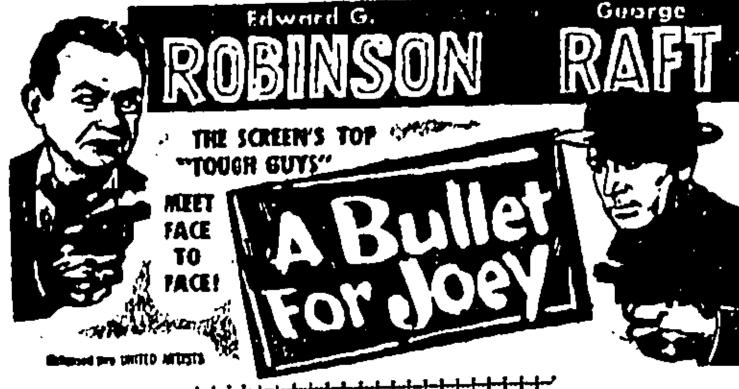
"LADY GODIVA" EXTRA SHOW AT 12.30 P.M.

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SUNDAY MATINEE AT 12.30 P.M.

NEW YORK: "PINOCCHIO" GREAT WORLD: FOX TECHNICOLOR CARTOONS COMMENCING TUESDAY 20TH DEC.



EMPIRE

TO-DAY: 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M. A CHINESE MANDARIN PICTURE "BLOOD WILL TELL" in Eastman Color

Starring: LI LI-HWA . WONG YIN TO-MORROW MORNING SHOW AT 11.00 A.M. "WHITE WITCH DOCTOR"

in Technicolor Starring: Susan HAYWARD . Robert MITCHUM

> Parisian Grill FESTIVE FARE

X'MAS EVE

NORBERT MATTISON --- Violin Vocal MICHAEL BODER --- Grand Plano

On my way to Hongkong from Repulse Bay this morning, I saw an orange coloured steam-roller. Some people may think this smacks of the comedian's opening - "On my way to the theatre this evening a funny thing happened to me....", others, less charitable, may be tempted to talk of pink elephants however, I DID see an orange-coloured steam roller and it DID remind me of Joan Crawford.

The comparison is, I hope, obvious, Both ore dependable, garlsh, confident and violently exhibitionistic.

"Which brings me to "The Queen Bee'. One can always depend on a Crawford picture being full of the lady berself--if she's not in every shot it's almost possible to feel her flery emotion breathing down the producer's neck-her dresses are to extreme that an ordinary person would hardly dare to try them on in the seclusion of the bedivion-her confidence in her lability to chaim, bewitch or bulldoze is overwhelming and she is so theatrical that one leaves one of her pictures wondering why such outdated histmonies did not bring on the embarrassed laughter reserved for those whose tricks do not quite come off.

A Domineering

Woman

That the latter does not happen is due to Joan Crawford's superlative self-confidence, flow nation longer she will be able to play these doministring, misunderstood, emotionally unbalanced women is debalable, but in spite of the contrived, theatrical plot of "The Queen meat to satisfy the appetite. Barry Sullivan, as her dis-

through in spite of it all and provides the love interest when Joan Crawford declaims, with the customary Crawford drama that "there's something of me in every woman," she

never sald a truer word. As for the plot, it's a country house setting with the beautiful wife radiating sweetness, competence and inner security, and the rest of the cast dancing up her lune.

New War Film

On Korea

'Mission Over Korea' is a modest little war film that is more restful than most of the others that have modern warfare as a background, in that instead of screaming jets taking the centre of the stage, the hero is that slow moving little reconnaissance aircraft, the L-5.

and in spite of a tendency to possessed spirit as well as long seek out every air pocket on the hair, because she took Leofric course, is surprisingly comfort- up on his offer and started the able to ride in.

war are being released, the L-5's were duly grateful.

TO-DAY

AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30

& 9.30 P.M.

CHIEF CRAZ

Sunday Morning Show

At 12.30 p.m.

"WAR OF THE WORLDS"

in Technicolor

-Jechnicolor

CAPITOL FITZ

The New Films At A Glance SHOWING

HOOVER: "The Flame and the Flesh". Romance against an European background. Lana Turner and Carlos Thempson.

LIBERTY: "The Last Time I Saw Parls". Sentimental sob story involving Elizabeth Taylor and Van Johnson. KING'S and PRINCESS: "Lady Godiva". A romp through 11th century England that's fun enough if you don't expect too much historical fact. Maureen O'llara, George Nader and Victor Melagien.

NEW YORK and GREAT WORLD: "A Bullet for Joey". Edward G. Robinson is on the side of law and George Raft provides the graft in this tale. Audrey Totter is the balt.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Mission over Korea". Romance plus action in a tribute to the role of the reconnaissance aircraft used in the Korean war. John Hodlak, John Derck, Audrey Totler and Maureen O'Sullivan.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "The Queen Bee". With a smile she stings everyone who comes in contact with her. Joan Crawford, Barry Sullivan, John Ircland, Beisy Palmer and Lucy Marlow.

COMING

HOOVER and LIBERTY: "The King's Thief'. Another tilb at history, moving up to Charles II's reign this time. A high grade swashbuckier. Ann Blyth, Edmund Purdom, David Niven and George Sanders. These two cinemas will be showing some of the year's

best M.G.M. pictures during the coming week. "The King's Thief" will open on Friday. KING'S and PRINCESS: "Cult of the Cobra". A templo dedicated to snake worship is invaded by GI's. Vengeance

follows them from India to New York. Faith Domergue and Kathleen Hughes. "You're Never Too Young". Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in another of their erazy comedica, NEW YORK and GREAT WORLD; "Son of Sinbad".

Scantily clad girls, a dashing hero and an Arabian Nights atmosphere is the essence of this picture. Vincent Price makes a convincing Omar the Tentmaker, Dale Robertson tries hard to be the hero and Lilli St. Cyr and Mari Blanchard wear hot weather clothing.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "The Living Swamp" and "The Dancing Masters". The former is a documentary about the swamplands of southern Georgia, with production and narration in the hands of two of 20th Century Fox's stars, Jeffrey Hunter and Dale Robertson; and the latter is a Laurel and Hardy comedy.

undoubted taste. The acting of shown that he can act, even lose a little conviction. her sister-in-law, Belsy Palmer, though he doesn't force the and her cousin. Lucy Marlow, point home in "Mission Over is too stilted—yet this film still Korea"—indulge in a sort of run- been attacked with far more headache. has the ring of quality about it, ning battle with remance during imagination. Although the ori- Today this is changing. The Joan Crawford and the others the course of the picture, and may make as many head-in-air as the stern-faced star of the exits as they like, the dialogue whole thing (John Hodiak) gets can be as mannered as a his just reward before the end, nincteenth century melodrama, leaving a rather aging Maureen but the odd little grain of com- O'Sullivan to mourn for him, mon sense and observation slips their extremely unsuitable union

Variations On The Godiva Theme

The Earl of Mercia and Lord of Coventry in the early 11th century, Leofric, was obviously a man who liked a dare. His excessive taxation having brought even with such a treat lake beabout a great deal of bad feeling against him, his public-spirited wife became most anxious about the situation. In fact, she began to be such a bore on the subject that her husband

family peace. He is supposed to have offered to "ease the burden of taxation," to use a popular phrase of the present day, if his importunate spouso would ride naked through the streets of Coveniry.

It handles as simply as a car, Lady Godiva must have famous story. History says that Now that some of the pic- he kept his side of the bargain tures made during the Korean and the citizens of Coventry

- SHOWING TO-DAY

At 2.30, 5.00, 7.30 & 9.45 p.m.

MALEUR OUT OF THE RELET OF THE SALE WATER.

STANWICK MICREA

done with Lady Godiva in the again.' A reputation was only But if you're not interested in film version. For a start, she's considered half made until it illusioned husband who drinks to the modesty of the rescue side been allowed to retain her had received the seal of Hollyforget his mistake in marrying of the American Army, there's passionate devotion to the cause wood approval. her, is too wooden and John still a romantic angle. Audrey of the Saxon working man-Iruland, as the lover to her Lady Totter-who radiates personall- however, as most of her more derstandable; but for British Chatterly, is too taw ever to ty in spite of her lack of looks- flery speeches are delivered in producers it was no joke. Comhave attracted a woman of her and John Derck-who has an American-Irish brogue, they petition for talent was all very

> ginal difference of opinion was one-way star traffic is passing. one of policy, it was still a do- British stars still go to Hollymostle issue. In the screen wood semetimes—but they go version of "Lady Godiva" we for a visit, for a specific picture. have our colleen. Maureon, And they return, not just to (O'Hara it is, now,) advising, visit the old folks at home, but cafoling and browbeating a eagerly, to work. And the other-England of that day, bringing now her stubborn husband to his knees by the simple expedient of locking the bedroom door against him, and finally riding

that city would refuse to look, fore their eyes!

I've always imagined Leofric thought that only strong as a lusty bull of a man, boimeasures would keep the sterously rowdy when happy, cruel as a bear when crossed and not a comfortable person to have around the house. A concession to this conception of frim is admitted in the pleture, by Leofric declaring that he cannot stand the Norman princcss King Edward wishes him to marry, (In order to cement relations between the Saxons and the Normans) as Norman women are too much given to the vapours. Maureen O'Hara (not yet married to him) here enters the lists by heaving an enormous log into the fire, hauling a

The famous ride, however, has role casting was a perpetual

through Coventry, clad only in her hair, to prove that although this was the punishment usually meted out to women of bad reputation, hers was so pure and unsullied that the good people of

Princess Maureen Shows Her Charms

heavy table across the room,

I have just read through the first issue of a Review of British Film Affairs, published by the British Film Producers Association and one article seemed to me to sum up very well the

> today. It said that once upon a time all roads led to Hollywood, the movie stars' Mecca.

> trend of picture making

and dusting off her hands like a

She gets her man by these

tactics, but George Nader does

not benefit, screenwise, by them.

He appears, beside her energy, as a rather understuffed dummy,

not quite sure what all this English history is about a little

overawed by it, and determined

at all costs, to keep a stiff upper

lip. I prefer him as an Ameri-

can deuctive - It's more his

As for Victor Melagien and

his two merry chums - as a

sort of buckskin version of the

three musketeers, always at

hand in an emergency (even if

a little tipsy)-I don't think

they were even meant to be

a picture to look at, even though

she is no longer among the

ranks of the very young, and the

whole film has a vigour and

bounce that excuse the licence

taken with history and the bana-

No Longer Une

Way Traffic

However, Maureen O'Hara is

prize fighter.

line of country.

taken seriously.

lity of the dialogue.

The European discovery could hardly wait for the cable containing the Hollywood offer. Especially the English-speaking player, "Good"" the cynics would say when he or she had made a first hit, Too good. They'll be off to Hollywood be-Bee", it still possesses enough important job there can be Now let's look at what they've fore you can say "Action"

The actor's attitude was unwell, but in this instance the dice were loaded. Leading-

vacillating Edward the Con-way traffic is substantialfessor into uniting the divided Hollywood stars go to England

It's quite a triumph to realise that British films are no longer the poor relations of the film

MAJESTIC **SHOWING TO-DAY** at 2.30 5.20 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

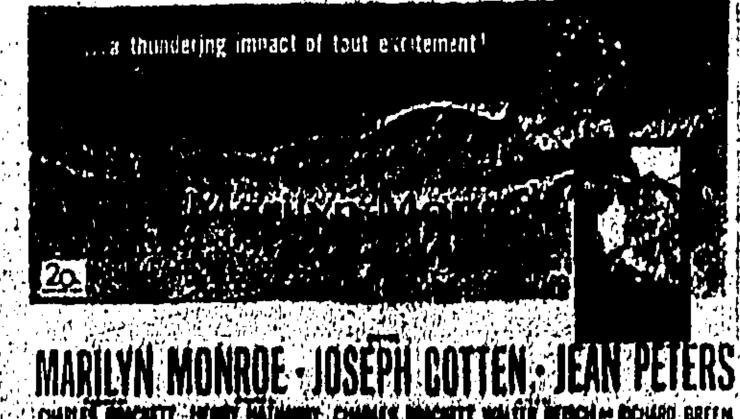


To-Morrow Morning Show At 12.30 p.m. Reduced Admission Bud & Lou-"HOLD THAT GHOST"

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MORNING SHOWS TO-MORROW ALHAMBRA QUEEN'S

5 SHOWS 'MISSION OVER KOREA"

AT 11.30 A.M.

AT 11.30 A.M. ONLY Columbia's VARIETY PROGRAM 3 Stooges -- Color Cartoons AT REDUCED PRICES!

Cary Grant * Ann Sheridan

"I WAS A MALE WAR

BRIDE"

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FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



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HOOVER: LIBERTY CAUSEWAY BAY TELTESTE

of MGM FAVOURITES REPERTOIRE At Hoover TODAY At Liberty

2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 "FLAME AND THE FLESH" Lana Turner Carlos Thompson

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.40 "LAST TIME 1 SAW PARIS" Elizabeth Taylor Van Johnson

TO-MORROW SUNDAY

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.40 "LAST TIME I SAW PARIS" Elizabeth Taylor

Van Johnson

2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 "VALLEY OF THE KINGS" Eleanor Parker Robert Taylor

REDUCED ADMISSION SUNDAY MORNING MATINEE: Liberty at 12.30 Hoover at 12.00 MGM COLOR CARTOONS

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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

FIRES NEWS MAKE

Boston.

fire engine waiting for a possible

A Playful Pup

At Syracuse, New York, a six-

week-old puppy chewed through

an electric cord and touched off

a fire that killed him and

After fining a woman de-

were bandaged as a result of

Powder Smoke

At Danbury, Connecticut, an

pile of clothes. The flames

At Gloversville, New York,

Firemen fighting a house fire

laid the hose across some rail-

destroyed a garage

You don't have to rub two boy scouts together to start a fire.

But you can believe the For 12 years the Jesuit Her- week.
same effect with a pair of mitage at St. Andrews-on- Dr Frederick E. Reissig, woollen socks and a pair of Hudson, New York, had its own plastic bedroom slippers. friction between fire. It was never used. The

slippers netually barn burned down and destroystarted a fire in a suitease in a jed the engine. trunk of a car at Clinton, Kentucky. That's just one of many fire

curlosities of the past year reported recently by the National Fire Protection Association, There was the man from Alabama who did not realise his trousers were aftre. He had

a wooden leg. With no water available fire- in Boston's Rozbury District, men at Comstock, Minnesota, Half an hour later, after the stopped a grocery fire from blaze had been put out, the apreading to an adjacent tavern audience was readmitted. This by smashing beer bottles and time it numbered 825. dashing the contents on the

walls of the saloon. fendent who had burned news-New Jersey woman papers to smoke out her baked a \$700 physic pre the estranged busband, a Sanvalue of cish and bonds she had. Francisco judge lectured her on hidden in the oven and forgot- the dangers of playing with fire. The judge spoke right ten to remove from the heart, too. His hands

Fire Siren Fire!

The New Holland, Pennsyl- | At Philadelphia, fire started in vanua, Fire Company was called the Fire Marshall's office and to put out a fire that started in touched off an explosion of firethe fire viren of the nearby erackers which had been seized in Churchtown Fire Company, The for safe keeping, Churchtown Aremen were out fighting a chimney fire.

A Fort Erle, Ontario, newspaper reporter phoned home and casually asked his wife if there was anything doing, "Our upset electric tonster set fire to house is on fire!" she cried. The burned through a hose leading reporter went home and coverto a washing machine and the ed the story.

ensuing stream doused the fire. A fire hydrant was the scene of a fire at Bridgeport, Confiremen were called when necticut. Fumes from an under- "smoke" came from the window ground gas line seeped up around of a house. It turned out to be the hydrant base and burst into a woman powdering her nose.

stopped coming from their hose-Slasher lines. They discovered they had Tells

Notorious gang leader Billy Hill turned his back on villainy and crime recently to join the world of literary teas and high society.

Hill, who has spent 17 of his 44 years in prison, entered the literary whirl with a splashy party attended by literary figures, society leaders in mink coats and hoodlums with razoralashed faces.

Hill, who has two razor scars himself, held the party to celebrate publication of his book "The Boss of Britain's Underworld," in which he describes how he masterminded crime syndicates.

He explains in the book that he was always "careful to draw my knife down on the face . . . so that if the knife slips you don't cut an artery."

A Distinction

Hill distinguished between criminals, who never use firearms or kill, and mugs who do.

"Cutting an artery," he said, "is usually murder and only mugs do murder."

Hill enchanted the society figures present.

Among them were Sir Bernard Docker, a prominent industrialist, and Lady Docker, who owns a gold-plated car and is nn acknowledged marble-shooting champion.

The gangsters present made fun of the police by wearing cardboard police helmets. The end of the party was signalled by two blasts from a police

British nowspapers expressed shock and outrage over the party—United Press.

St Clement Relics For Melbourne

Melbourne. of Victoria, The Governor Sir Dallas Brooks unveiled a cross and two pieces of stone from the ancient bombed church of St Clement Danes, Fleet Street, in a ceremony at St Clement's Church, in the Melbourne suburb of Elsternwick. The Danish commit in Melbourne, Mr. El Christenson, read one of the lessons because of the consolion Between St Clement Danish community in London to China Mail

AMERICAN CHURCH LEADERS SAY: LET'S PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON Real Meaning Of Christmas The

Washington. campaign to "put Christ back into Christmas" is making headway, a church leader said this

Executive Secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, predicted there will be more emphasis on the religious significance of Christmas this year than there has been for a long time.

CARDS, TOO

From greeting cards to Fire drove 750 from a theatre | department store windows, he said, there is gratifying evidence that Americans are responding to church appeals to rescue Christmas from

"Paganism." Church leaders woke up Jesus was "not a Puritan," several years ago to the realisation that Santa Claus was rapidly supplanting the infant of ' burns suffered in a barbecue i

Bethlehem as the central figure of America's Christmas celebration.

They have been making vigorous efforts to reverse the trend and to restore a measure of worship and reverence to the observation of Christ's birthday.

The Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, said the churches are not trying to take the joy out of Christmas, but simply to remind Christians of the real reason for joy which the herald angels proclaimed nearly 2,000 years ago-"for unto us is born this day a saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

A RECIPE

the Bishop said, and would not have his followers shun the gaiety of the season named for him, so

Satellites Bring World-wide TV?

Chicago.

Man-made satellites could usher in trans-ocean television, a scientist said recently.

the 25th anniversary meeting of altitudes, could provide the American Rocket Society. Mr Haviland said satellites should prove valuable in communications, weather charting

at Montville, Connecticut, were and cartographic work involving his paper on "application of the surprised when water suddenly relatively unexplored areas of satellite vehicle" that present suggested the possibility of using vision. But he warned that

Mr R. P. Haviland, of General | Scientists estimated that 10 | Electric Co., discussed the pos- satellites, circling the earth on sibility in a paper presented at different orbits and various world-wide TV coverage.

Mr Haviland pointed out techniques are inadequate for He and other scientists have providing trans-oceanic teleroad tracks and a freight train patellites as microwave relay costs would be a limiting factor had just passed by. — United stations for intercontinental tele- in the use of satellites.—United

long as it is kept in proper perspective.

Control Advantaged to

The Bishop's recipe for a Christian Christmas: "Do not despise the tinsel and coloured lights; do not despise the wrappings, though try not to get wrapped up in them; do not despise the expectancy and joy of children. But do not let the tinsel hide the kingly person."

In their effort to focus attention on the true meaning of Christmas, many Protestant churches have recently been re-discovering the Advent season, long Roman observed Catholics, Episcopalians, other Lutherans and denominations.

ADVENT

Advent. which means "coming," is the fourweek period preceding Christmas. It is set aside on the church liturgical calendar for prayer and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world at Christmas. The 1955 advent season began on November 27.

MIDNIGHT SERVICES

The National Council of Churches has been quietly encouraging Protestant denominations to develop more fully the possibilities for worship during such traditional seasons of the church calendar as advent and lent.

This year a number of Protestant churches are holding special week-day services during Advent, while others are reviving in their Sunday schools the Mediaeval custom of teaching children the

the symbolism of Advent wreaths and Advent

the so-called liturgical" not observe Advent.

ties, however.

1955 lines now on sale.

SANTA COES

federations reindeer.

In Dayton, Ohio, the Cham-

planning outdoor Christ-Nativity.—United Press.

Christmas story through

calendars.

For several years, Dr Jesse

churches in several cities have also successfully urged leading stores to feature religious tableaux —such as the manger scene-in Christmas windows formerly given over to Santa Claus and Rudolph the red-nosed

ber of Commerce sponsors a number of "Christ in Christmas" projects including radio and television programmes, restaurant prayer cards, and posters.

Many communities also are

The practice of holding midnight services on Christmas Eve also is becoming widespread, even among Protestant denominations which do

The campaign has not been confined to church activi-

Bader of the National Council of Churches' Department of Evangelism has waged a personal crusade to get greeting card manufacturers to put more "appropriate" pictures and sentiments on Christmas cards. The results can be seen in the

mas pageants which will] reverently depict the S. H. ancient story of the Queen's Building Tels: 28895 & 28975

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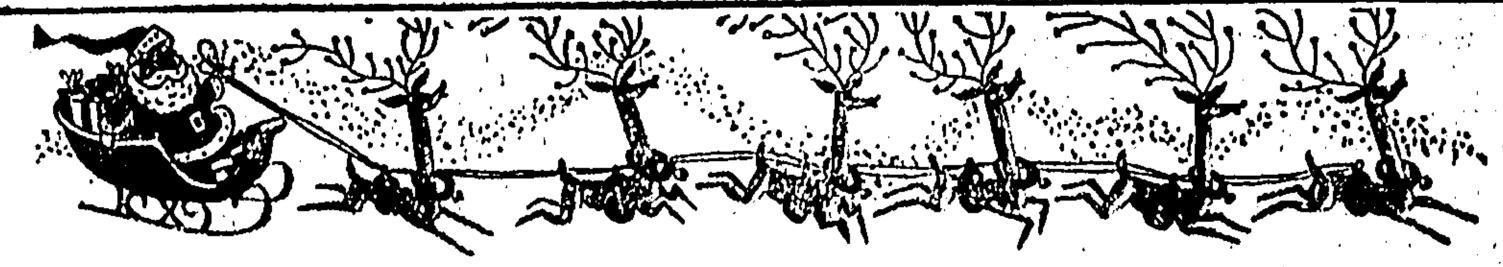
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This popular Whisky is available at most wine stores, or from

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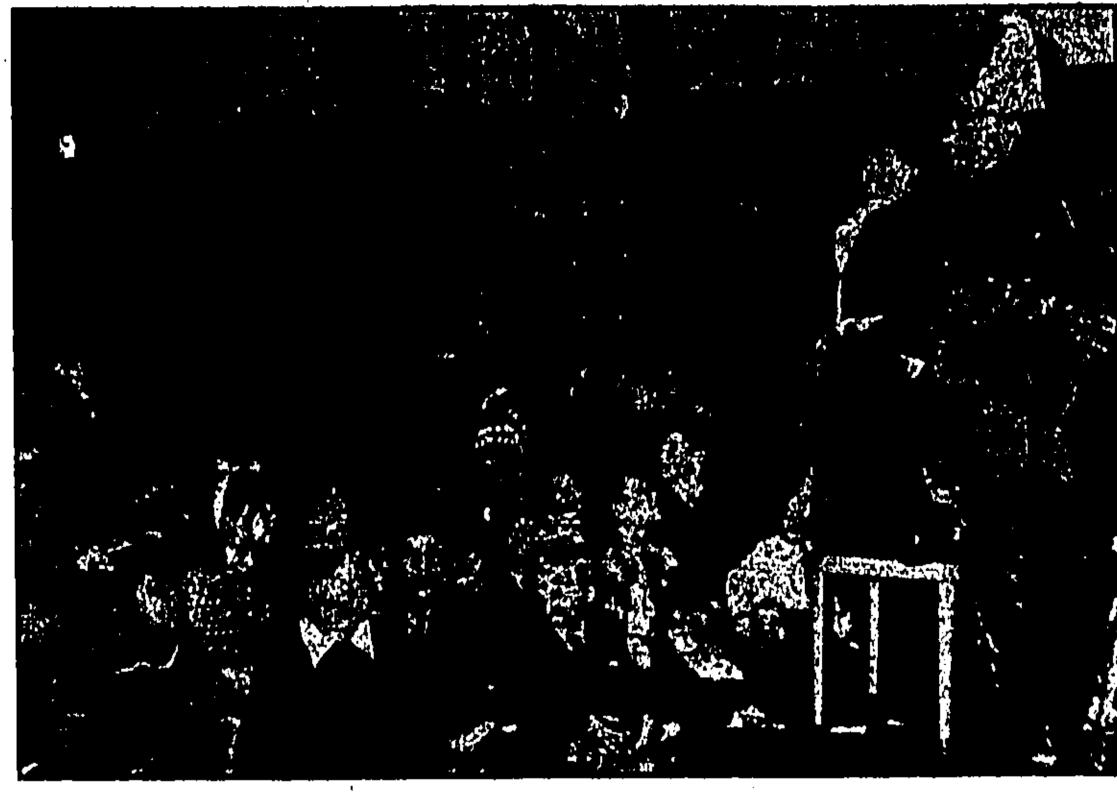


HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



With someone like film lovely Audrey Hepburn to distract you, it's difficult to concentrate on the age-old "What do you want for Christmas?" This little girl, however, got her wish. Picture was taken at an Associated British-Pathe studio party.

dancers of the Moscow Company, curperforming in clap out a rhythm as British comedian Norman Wisdom tries out an impromptu number. The dancers met the comedian when they went to a private cinema to see one of his films. (Express)



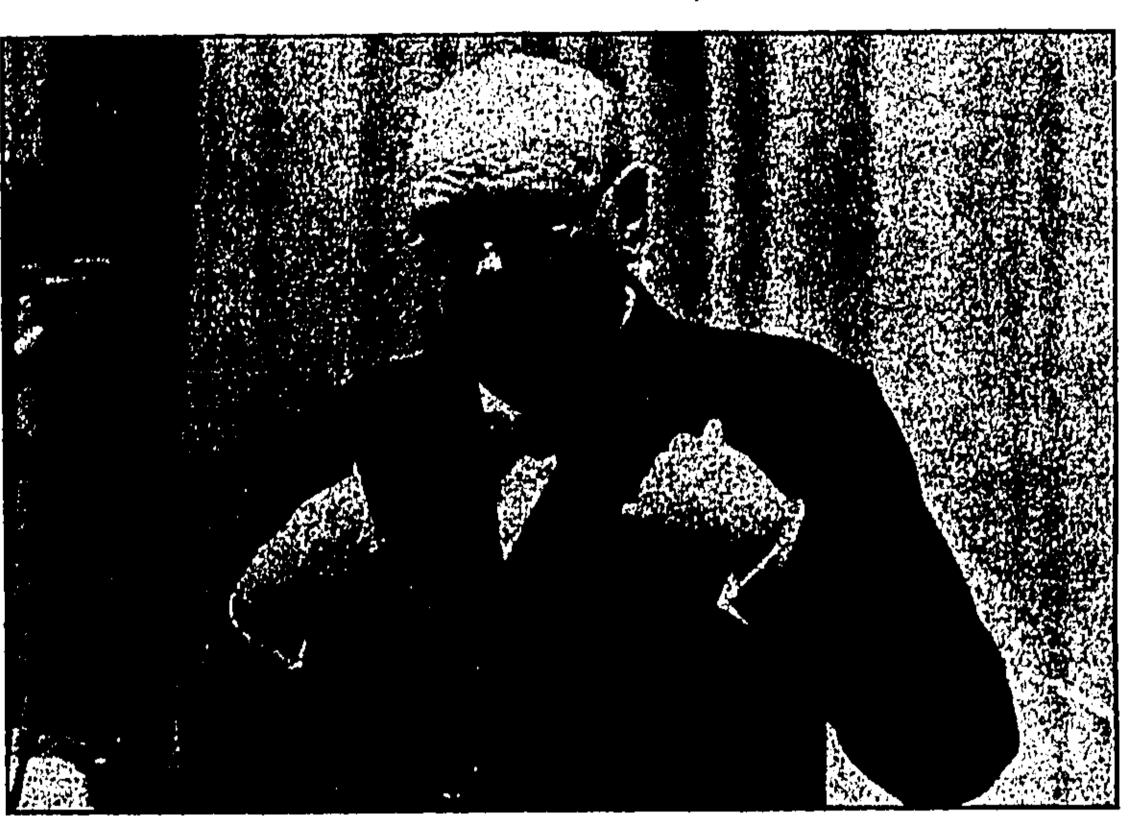
CHRISTMAS put in an early appearance this year for Servicemen's children in Colchester. The kiddies, who included children of men in the Royal Norfolk Regiment and HQ 3 Infantry Division Provost Company now serving in Cyprus, met Santa at a merry party in the NAAFI Club. One of the star turns evas Sunshine, the clown, here seen entertaining the children with Charlie, his famous dummy. (Army News)

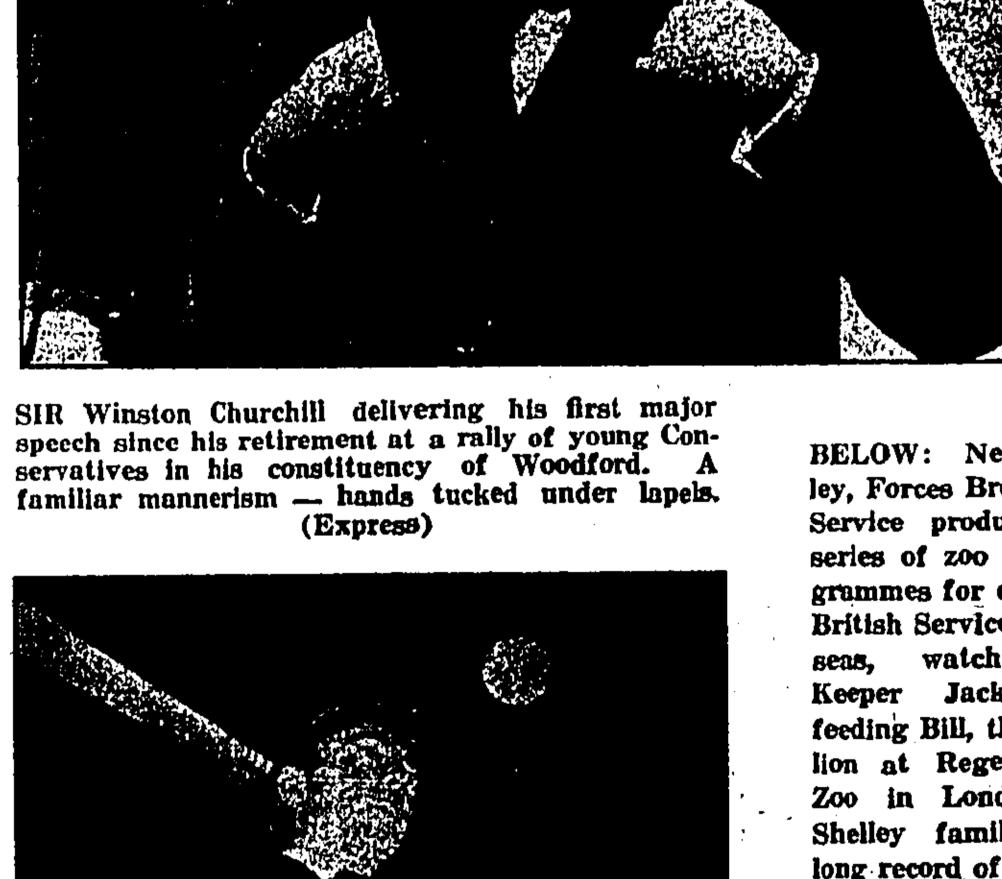


CIVIL Defence "smog men" had a field day in London last week. Teams of two men each worked through the day in various parts of the city taking periodic samples of smog by pumping standard quantities into bottles supplied by the Fuel Research Station at Greenwich. The contents were later analysed for the killer gases — sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and carbon dloxide. (Express)



PROJECTION

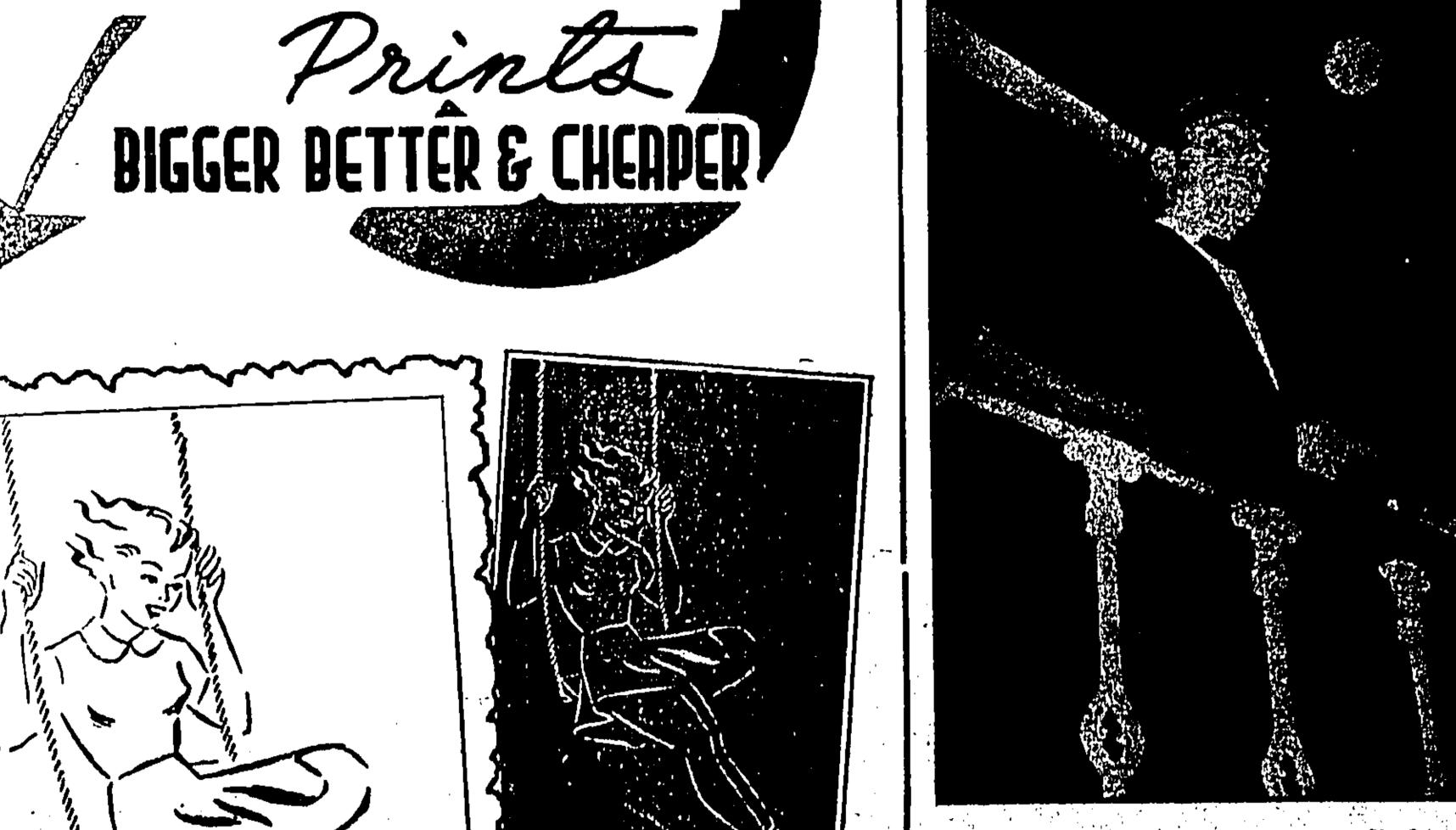




BELOW: Neville Powley, Forces Broadcasting Service producer of a series of zoo radio programmes for children of British Servicemen overwatches Head Jack Shelley feeding Bill, the bull sea lion at Regent's Park London. The Shelley family has a long record of service at the Zoo. (Army News)



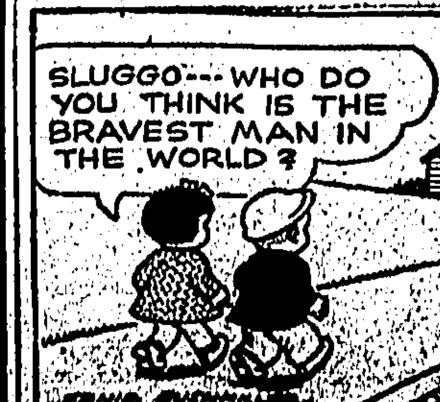
IN September last year, Pamela Sue-a-Quan became "Miss British Guiana." Last week, she became Mrs Brian Whittle of Southport, Lancashire. Her husband is a Warrant Officer in the Army, and they met when he was serving in Trinidad last year. Their wedding took place in Wool, Dorset. (Express)



MOST unusual speaker at an evangelical raily at Deptford last week was 28-year-old Bill Prestwich, a former Teddy Boy now reformed. He told his hearers of his varied experiences, which landed him in gaol. Said he: "I may be wearing a Teddy Boy suit, but there's a new man inside." (Express)



NANCY











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TIVERY year, we look

L forward to Christmas,

with a sore head, Mum

feeling like a dishcloth, and

the kids at each other's

climax.

of course."

long-anticipated festival has told that Christmas Day and

been something of an anti- Boxing Day are theirs - until

If your Christmas is never Daddy's sleeping off his dinner"

like that, you need read no or "Not just now, darling,

further. Mine used always to Daddy's busy". All the male

be, so I set out to discover why, members of the household will

First I asked myself, "Whose put themselves entirely at the

Christmas is it?"-and the disposal of the children through-

Having recognised these con- play with, he will get someone.

flicting facts, one can set to who will play willingly and

obvious reply, was "Everybody's out the day.

WHAT WAS THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM?

the wise men of the East, really see? In St Matthew's Gospel their reported references to the star are vague. What is more, in search of a King. there is no hint given by St Matthew that the star was seen by anyone other than the Magi.

records.

been any serious suggestion that the Mngi's story was recorded wrongly or, indeed, that it was their imagination.

salem. Some extraordinary year 7 B.C.

forget that sore head on Christ.

day, Dad's help is needed pretty

constantly by Mum, so she must

gain his wholehearted co-

operation. Don't forget to put a

bottle of moral courage some-

where handy, from which

Father can help himself at in-

have been told that the evening

Throughout the rest of the brushed....

the day is theirs, so they will happy evening.

mus morning and welcome the mentally I'm a different woman.

youngsters with open arms at The roaring bedlam of games

6 a.m. Once settled with the and squabble which were, for

Says SYLVIA WARD

Of ten it happens that witch is necessary to make a plan over—not me.

Christmas has come and of campaign. After all, we Of course, a lot of respon— the adults' and theirs alone. It

gone, we sit back and say, don't go for a summer holiday sibility falls on Father. And it has still been a wearying day,

throats without pause, the First of all, the children are new train-set, be'll usually play once, no concern of mine; the

quite happlly.

individually, going to have offor themselves as they have est kiddy wants Johnny's new way.

"Thank Heaven, that's without making some plans, is absolutely essential that the of course.

over." What with Grandma Why expect a happy Christmas day should start fair for him. sulking in the corner, Dad the plan works in my house— head most mornings, he's got to

seven o'clock in the evening.

If Johnny wants someone to

There will be no "Hush!

force compelled them to leave. To an observer on earth the co-joined planets apparently their distant homes and make two planets would have appearabovering over Bethlehem. what, even today, is a difficult od close together and both But, he admitted, although

No evidence exists that they were either just merchants or wandering scholars.
They had without doubt come

world's foremost astronomers, A though, has intrigued men believed he could settle scholarof the star in any of the Roman theories have been advanced, waging for centuries over the second hand. records of the time. And Sir The great astronomer Johann exact date of Christ's birth. Harold Spencer Jones, Britain's Kepler (1571-1630), who first. It was left to another Ger-Astronomer Reyal, says there substantiated the theory that man astronomer, Christian is no reference to it in the con- the earth revolves around the Ludwig Ideler (1766-1846), to temporary Chinese astronomical sun, spent much time trying to elaborate on Kepler's theory. find a solution. In the process He checked the earlier calcula-Yet there seems never to have he probably came closest to a tions and reported that under satisfactory physical explana- certain conditions of visibility

tion—if, indeed, there is one. He calculated that there must have appeared as one breath- was not recorded by them. have been a "conjunction" of takingly brilliant star. There is no disputing that the the planets Jupiter and Saturn wise men did come to Jeru- in the month of May, in the

I'm limp physically, but

coats that were put on back-

wards, the teeth that went un-

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Supporting this theory about the possibility of poor visibility was the Biblical report that the Magi for a while lost sight of the star and saw it again only after they had seen Herod, left Make Sure Of A Happy Christmas Jerusalem, and were on their way to Bethlehem.

to his calculations.

Palestine.

is sacred to the grown-ups. The klds are usually worn-out and THE Magi's report that they feeling ready for bed by seven had lost sight of the star convinced that we are all, work to see that the children wholeheartedly If the young- o'clock on Christmas Day, any- could also be partly explained by the fact that the two planets a wonderful time. But so never done before, and incident- engine, it is Dad or Fred who Now comes the other half of had come together, separated often it happens that when ally have a good time yourself, copes and does the smoothing the arrangement — the postand then reunited. seven-o'clock period, which is

The Kepler-Ideler theory remained virtually untouched until a Cambridge don, who was also secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Reverend Charles Pritchard (1808-1893), decided to invesligate it further.

He checked back through the calculations of both astronomers. . . and he found a mistalce.

When this was rectified the revised calculations showed that I put my feet up for five the second meeting of the two minutes. I change, I hear the planets would have taken place last glass of water going up- not in September, but in Destairs. It is 8 o'clock. No flopping cember. His calculations were in a chair in exhausted aban- double-checked and confirmed don saying, 'Thank heaven, by the then Astronomer Royal. that's over" for me. The chil. To this Pritchard added the dren have had a happy day, claim, that any observer in As the children have been told Now it's our turn to thive a Jerusalem that December—and he day is theirs, so they will become evening to Herod-would have seen the

would have been relatively this would have appeared so near the earth. They would from Jerusalem, on arrival in then have drifted apart and Bethlehem the "star" would come together again in the fol- have appeared to be on the lowing September, according distant horizon.

It was this that apparently The speciacle would have made Pritchard dissatisfied with been awe-inspiring. And it the theory, for dissatisfied he would have been particularly certainly was

impressive to observers in He conceded, however, that the co-joined planets might Fred Hoyle, one of the THE question of the star, From these findings Kepler well have been the phenomenon reported by St Matthew, since reports that there is no record for centuries. Some ingenious ly disputes which had been he doubtless had the story at

Yet the combined work of Pritchard, Kepter and Ideler domonstrated one significant point; although no spectacular phenomenon was recorded by contemporary astronomers, did not necessarily mean that there was none. For the indisthe two planets might well puted linking of the two planets

historian who contributed when it happened? the section on the Magi to the The Astronomer Royal, Sir Encyclopaedia of Religion and Harold Spencer Jones, con-Ethics, pointed out that this firmed the apparent lack of any oversight was probably due to supernovae or 'new' stars' the fact that at the time Pales- around the time of the Birth tine was in a fairly turbulent of Christ.

might have been even more Supernovae are rare. They spectacular and still passed un- occur about once in 300 years. recorded? Could it have been a There has not been one since completely new star? "That," says Mr Fred Hoyle,

"is physically possible. "It is possible for a supernova, a 'new star' to explode in the sky and burn for about a week or a fortnight. But there BUT there still remains un- able that the ster, when it is no record of anything like B answered the question: reappeared, appeared in a new thorough astronomers. Such a search of a King? about 350 years later.

appeared in the skies about the logy. time in question it would al- This suggestion was put to ling, apparently, along their most certainly have been one of the world's best known own route, and thad come to a noticed. Without things like theological scholars, Monsignor stand (rather than came to a street lighting to distract him, Ronald Knox who, in 1952, rethe man in the street then translated the New Testament Could something like this be knew the night skies much from the vulgate Latin. better than the man in the street today . . . and yet is a mistake to go to astronomy nomers on the subject be phenomenon." ...

story of the Star of Bethlehem? menon, was a heavenly body of

king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him — Matthew ii, 1 & 2

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem

of Judaea in the days of Herod the

"One knows," he said, "that exceptional brilliance, why is there is a tendency to write there no suggestion that anythings up after they occurred body except the Magi saw it?
It is conceivable that in putting It looks more as if the Magitogether the story of Christ it following out the implications was felt that such an event of Numbers xxiv, 17, had been should have been accompanied on the look-out for a siar which by some sort of celestial de- would herald the birth of a king monstration and that someone in Judaea; and as if a star had 'remembered' just such a appeared (miraculously or prophenomenon."

Is it possible that years after quarter of the heavens where the event someone remembered they were looking for it, at the phenomenon recorded by TAMES Hope Moulton, the Kopler, but forgot exactly

He said: "There is certainly If that was so, is it not pos- no such record in the old sible that the phenomenon Chinese annals of the time.

this by the Romans of the What inspired the Magi to make period, and they were fairly their journey to Bethlehem in was now located (according to phenomenon was reported Suppose, however, that the astrology) as being directly answer is not to be found in

there is no record of such a for our guide; we ought to nothing more than ingenuity? think in terms of astrology. Could Mr Hoyle venture are "If the star, whether a na- What was the Star of Bethopinion about the origins of the fural or supernatural pheno-lehem?

videntially) in that particular precisely the night moment

66E/ERSE 9 of Matthew il is Y rather puzzling; how had they lost sight of the star during their journey? Perhaps only because of cloudy weather. Did the star, in fact, travel in front of them, or does the Evangelist simply report the thing in their own words?

"It is not easy to see how, in a short distance like that from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, the infinitesimal movement of a heavenly body could be observable to men who weren't using telescopes. It seems more probquarter of the heavens, and the principles of contemporary above Bethlehem; i.e. the star "If a very bright star had astronomy, but rather in astro-. "was leading them on' in the sense that it had been travelstand') over Bethlehem."

the true answer to the question? He made this comment: "It Could the theories of astro-Tho question still stands....



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GHOSTS PREFER CHRISTMAS?

HQUGH Christmas has become the traditional time for talking about ghosts, there is no good reason for believing phantoms prefer the festive season to any other for making personal pearances. On the contrary, reports of ghosts being seen at Christmas are rather

recorded by a Church of England clorgyman, the Rev. Charles Tweedale. His Aunt Leah, he said, appeared at a party in 1905 -five years after her deathand "walked clean through the Ihristmas tree,

There is also the sad, pale monk who is said to walk at Buckingham Palace at Christmas, and a beautiful masked ghost alleged to have joined in a Christmas party at Sandring-

A survey of past cases indicates that other popular beliets about ghosts are lalse. For instance, while many apparitions are reported to walk at night, plenty have been seen in broad daylight. And ghosts don't favour dark and deserted places. Most of them seem to like the MANY cases of poltergelsts company of the living.

What do we know for certain about ghosts? Unfortunately, few golden rules can be drawn from the accounts of witnesses. Some ghosts appear suddenly; others fade in and out. Some have a misty or transparent appearance; others look like normal people. Some walk through doors; others stop to open them.

There are also some anomalies in reports. Though ghosts are not supposed to have any

PUNCTUAL HABITS

▼ to one person but not to another; and as a rule, they don't speak. They also seem to have very punctual habite like the ghost effect to have a Hammersmith churchyard in 1805, 1855 1905 at midnight on the first full moon in August.

parition. By 12.15 a.m., nothing re-enacted by many ghosts. had happened, so the crowd gave up the ghost and went home. But one bright young of this kind was first reported man stayed on till 1 p.m., at which time he believes he saw 1642, when countryfolk saw the the phantom.

JOHN COTTRELL

Usually responsible for these with horse, foot and artillery, domestic upheavals are not are still fighting out the battle ghosts-in the popular concep- of Edga Hill to this day. tion of visual figures - but unseen tion can fascinate observers, it poltergeists, notsy is more usual for people to be terrified by the sight of a

Such ghosts, it is claimed, ghost. Yet there is no real need have lifted people in the air, for terror. Reports of ghosts started fires, thrown all kinds doing anyone physical harm and are very rare indeed. household objects. sometime caused so much to property have scientists were amazed when awkward court cases they studied a Rumanian girl

BAFFLING CASE

IVA can, of course, be traced to mischievous humans. But others have been quite ballling. Take the experience of Mr and Mrs one ghost, reputed to haunt a Cecil Wilson of Ipswich who, 600-year-old inn near Taunton, for days, were upset by a Somerset, has a charming habit. which, they ghost It plays skittles. emptied drawers and threw toys, brushes, shoes and a candlestick.

special reason. The Black Said Mrs Wilson: "We have Friar of Newstead Abboy, never believed in this kind of Notis, is said to walk when thing, but tonight we are frighanything is disturbed in his old tened out of our wite." home. One American ghost re-

In such circumstances, peo-JERY often ghosts are visible ple often send for the vicar and pray to exercise the ghost-occasionally with successful results. At other times the strange occurences have stopped when one member of THIS is a fairy story, a the family—often an adolescent going through some keen from the house.

There is a third and very lust August; hundreds of peo- rare kind of ghostly occurrence, ple turned out to see the ap- where an event of long ago is

bloody battle of Edge Hill,

A CHRISTMAS QUIZ:

potted biographies of internationally known personalities but the best-known facts about these famous people have been omitted. Can Ought she to borrow some cups also been forgotten that she you still supply their names?

HE ... was born in June 1921 ... was educated in Scotland ... is married, has two children ... served in Royal Navy out a list of Christmas presents during the war . . . Is less well-known as the Earl of Merioneth | -- for other members of the ... had made his home in London ... enjoys cricket, flying family to give as well as herself. overcooked and no one had and sailing.

HE ... was born November 30 ... married daughter of will have a good holiday over ding. A jelly that hadn't jelled Sir Henry Hozier . . . has four children . . . was educated Christmas," she thought, "But appeared instead. at Sandhurst . . . served with Spanish forces in Cuba . . . has I shan't. I shall have to work . . . paints as a patime."

HE . . . was born in 1889 . . . was educated at Harrow ly she made up her mind. She ... is a Barrister-at-Law ... has been imprisoned on several occasions . . . has a sister who has been Ambassador would do. to Moscow . . . lost his wife in 1936 . . . has written several books, including "Soviet Russia."

4. HE ... was born in Shropshire in 1904, the son of a coal with the Christmas arrangeminer . . . is married, has three children . . . started his ments. career as a clerk . . . has been knighted . . . has sporting interests including football and pigeon-racing . . . has two brothers who were in the same profession . . . has written an autobiography.

5. Universities . . worked at Foreign Office during the war idea. After all, there had been we sympathise with the rail-. has been features editor on a magazine . . . was later a lot of do's and don'ts-and in way workers, the people at the publicist for a film company . . . has a celebrated husband . . . fact a good deal of unnecessary power stations and the postmen is interested in rose-growing . . lives at present in a world- hise about Christmas past. So because they have to work famous street in London.

SHE . . . was born in Scotland, 1920 . . . was educated in Scotland and Northern Rhodesia . . . married to a writer, should have a happy ending, would be in very bad way whose father died commanding the armed merchant orniser This one hasn't, whose father died commanding the armon in it at severe. The housewife study to her Rawalpindi during the war . . has one child . . . is at severe. The housewife study to her carry career.

SHE ... was born in America ... is under thirty years cussed Christmas, catering, and on strike. Help her as much as of are ... is married to an Olympid athiete ... is the best werk in a London had to pay, the did her best to table and washing up. If she suburb . . . In not very tall . . . his the same initials se for beavery.

clated with a world-famous afflict is devoted to his nephows, though he frequently sived vois to

minister and judge also witnessed the battle. And when

the King sent three officers to

put an end to the ballyhoo.

they, too, saw the battle. They

cognise the faces of soldiers

who had been killed proviously.

CCORDING to locals near

A Keinton Northamptonshire,

the Cavaliers and Roundheads.

While this type of appari-

However, in 1926, London

who was bitten by an unseen

agent while under observa-

tion. And at Bristol, in 1761, it

is recorded that an invisible

According to experts, all

Why then do spooks trouble

people? Nearly always for a

visual ghosts are harmless.

hand nearly strangled a girl.

swore they could even

He had remembered that fought again on the spot where clocks were one hour forward it had taken place two months for British Summer Time. To earlier. ghost, 1 a.m. was mid-

Whether or not you are prepared to believe in ghosts, it's just as well to know all these facts about them. For every year we read of people fleeling their homes to escape some "evil spirit". And only a few months ago, a leading scaman in the Royal Navy was actually flown home to Plymouth on compassionate leave—to lay

turned to pay his debts, and Similarly, at a house in substance, they seem able to Runcom, Cheshire, visitors move heavy objects and their have been greeted by volleys A clergyman was hit by a flying dictionary there.

One of the best-known cases

stress—has been sent away and the heroine is a very ordinary housewife. As it was only a week or two before Christmas this very

ordinary housewife was feeling mas Eve passed off without insomewhat harassed. She was thinking about the Christmas meals wondering how much bread she would need, if the of this kind was first reported pudding was big enough, and two days before Christmas, whether the turkey would fit into the oven.

> Over and over again sho sorted out in her mind the sleeping arrangements she had so carefully worked out to accommodate her family and the relatives who were due to arrive on Christmas Eve. And when she wasn't thinking about that, she was counting cups and with a dancing-girl motif paintcutiery. Would there be enough ed all over it, and Cousin Ethel, eight to go round when the nextdoor whose passion was highbrow and spoons just to be sure?

> > Then she sat down to make

The idea grew, until eventualwould strike, that's what she

That evening slie called the family together, and announced that this year they were to cope

At first there was an outery. they called a conference to do- over Christmas, we forget that

legate the work.

change the ambitoti

She watched the preparations to be still a backfor and the her daughter bount to put on occasions however, for the pudding . She saw a lot of expensive crystallised fruits

another, it is said, appeared in court to make his murderer break down and confess while on trial.

One of the tallest stories have heard about a ghost with a purpose, concerned a weman who objected to her husband's keen interest in other ladies.

"George," she said, "If you ever make love to a woman nfter I'm gone, I'll come back and haunt you."

Boon after she died, so the story goes, George forgot the threat and started courting a young widow. They would meet regularly for evening walks. One day George crept up behind the widow—as was his regular practice-and kissed

round, he found it was his deceased wife. This happened again and again. Often he went to the rendezvous and his wife would be there, dressed just like the widow. She would trick him, then vanish giving a Sotanic

her. When the figure turned

THE LAST LAUGH

OUTTE exasperated, George decided to play a trick himself. He asked his friend Bert, to wear his suit and hat and go to the rendezvous in his place. At the last minute, he sent a note to the widow cancelling his date. "How did you get on?"

George asked his friend the Some are even friendly. And next day. "Smashing," says Bort. I crept up and kissed her like you said. Then she kissed me

> The joke had missired. The had not reached the wislow in time. She kept the date-with Bert. And eventually they married. George's wife had the last laugh after all.

> > (COPTRIORY)

footsteps can be heard. Some of books and clocks, and have have even been said to block been thrown from their beds. A clergyman was hit by a Mother For

By JANET GREY

Everyone was excited and imbued with the seasonal spirit L Christmas fairy story, of good cheer-everyone that is but mother whose fears grew as the shopping days sped by. Apart from the fact that none of the guests had towels, Christ.

> cident. The family kept to the sleeping plan already drawn up by mother. But that didn't lessen the sense of foreboding with which

> our housewife rose on Christmas motning. She soon realised that this time her fears were justified. Auntle Kate, who hated perfume, had a large bottle in her Christmas stocking. Uncle George, who was always conser-

vative about matters sartorial, received a gaily-coloured tio neighbours came to tea and music, was presented with the supper on Christmas Day? latest Bebop record, It had didn't own a gramophone.



At lunch, the turkey was Suddenly she put down her thought about the stuffing.

> By teatime the housewife decided that it was the most miserable Christmas Day she had ever spent, and she made up her mind that never again would she relinquish her hold on domestic affairs.

> Well, this is just a fairy stony and like all fairy stories, it could never happen in real illo. No housewife could sit back and allow anyone else to taka control of that most sacred domain—her kitchen.

But it's just another way of The best kind of fairy story sesson, too, and most homes

> without fier. So don't let mother get to the stage where she feels like going has to press unwilling delpers into 'service, 'she'll probably decide aho might as well do the job herself-end say so

no tinoertalni terma Give hor as much considers. know her efforts are appreciward site will like best

"Play the gamel" shouted the Germans. "If you don't shoot, we won't shoot!"

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

the trench warfare December, 1914, was when they saw their officer dis-morning. The German, polite, wretched in the extreme appear into the German immaculate, announced that his If he was not involved in trenches. He was not a man to colonel had ordered renewal of the constant artillery duels take foolish risks, yet this was hostilities at noon that day and the constant artillery duels like asking to be taken prisoner, might the Englishmen be or taking part in the What possessed him that he so warned to keep down, please? desperate and costly at-boldly walked into the lion's In response to thanks for this tempts from time to time to den? Perhaps he hardly knew, courtesy the German saluted, capture trenches over wire was conducted to some German plied: "We are Saxons, you are entanglements and flooded officers who were standing in a Anglo-Sxons; the word of a country and in hand-to-hand group beside a ruined farm- gentleman is for us as for you." fighting with bayonet and house. They were astonished Noon arrived and with it a night was mud and ice-cold they asked. water and lice in his clothing.

Ristence for the By Crawford Snowden

truce continued.

There was much wonderment British and German company among the British watchers commanders on Boxing Day

LIE was not. "On the word game of football with the were obtainable," A bitter enemy let no op- II of a gentleman" they in- enemy; and of two occasions. No attempt was made appar-

told, too, of a British C.O. presenting a courteous German C.O. with a scarf; and of the German returning the compliment next day with a pair of warm, woolly gloves. In most of these instances of

temporary good feeling a guard against either enemy approaching the other's trenches was rigorously kept-though it was said that men of one British regiment were actually welcomed into the German lines.

Certainly the unofficial armistice was in many cases no more than a temporary cessation of hostilities. A battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, for fighting with bayonet and to see him and were at once to thrown across containing the example, was unable to contri-grenade his lot day and suspicious. Was he armed, message, "We shoot in the air!" bute to a concert in the German And they did. The unofficial lines, "for no records of the 'Hymn of Hate, with which it There is also the story of a was intended to regale the Hun,

when British and Germans in a entire by either side here to Every now and then the "The British officer repressed body chased a hare in No Man's inaugurate an unofficial truce:

The Sherwood Foresters re-

the Foresters' commanding of the war, was to become Lieutenant-General Sir William TIE has written that he can-

II tioned all his company communiters against allowing any fraternisation. The Germans were to be warned if they came out of their trenches that they would be fired on. They did come out and protested loudly on being told to get back. Shots were fired over their heads to make them realise the Foresters were in carnest.

"I was glad I had given such orders." says Marshall in "Memories of Four Fronts," "because that day almost similar instructions came from Army Headquarters."

At one point in the Aisne Valley, when Germans left their trenches on Christmas Day shouting "Two days" trucel" the French troops facing them suspected a ruse and shot them all down. North of Nicuport the Germans on Christmas Eve made a flerce attack on the French-Belgian positions and the Allies made a successful counter-attack.

Sir Edward Hulse's letter stated that the truce in the trenches dragged on for nearly Yet the late Captain Sir Ed- a week, but with the Worcesstalked the battleground, grimly The 1st Battallon of the ward Hulse, Bart., Scots Guards, tershire Regiment it seems to taking toll. Trench reliefs Worcester Regiment moved into writing to his mother of this have ended at midnight on

Then, quite suddenly and there was no firing by the to keep," tells of English, Scots, their regimental history, "a without warning, a benigh in- enemy; the silence seemed un- Irish, Saxons Wurtemburgers, single shot broke the silence fluence look hold on the Ger- real. "It was like a dream," and Prussians concluding an and desultory firing was re-

Every now and then the armie "On the word of a Land, laughing and shouting the East Lancashires' Christmas fury of a howitzer shell and pentionan," he answered. The like schoolboys. One chase Day in the trenches was "unnounced from afar its German seemed satisfied, ended with a German soldier eventful."

"whizz-bangs" shattered the were exchange as between the hare together Let's hope Beved them on the night of

frightful approach, or Greetings, more or less hearty, and a Bentish soldier falling on

whizz-onings shartered the long-parted friends. they tossed for it trench parapet without The conversation that fol- It seems to have been the warning. The labour of lowed is not recorded, nor does Saxons and Bavarians mainly, if officer was be who, by the end

One of the World's Strangest Stories



This picture from the archives of the Imperial War Museum shows British and German officers fraternising in No Man's Land during the unofficial truce, 1914.

digging and draining, sap- history reveal the name of not exclusively, who succumbed

sentry duty on the fire-step, or the front it came from the the battallons on their right to nerve-trying patrols into No Germans. It was agreed at this stay in their trenches as they Man's Land. It was a period point that the infantry would were faced by Prussians whom of inaction on the big scale; not fire on one another, but the Saxons described as surly nevertheless the enemy sought neither side could answer for rufflans. unceasingly to kill, and death its artillery. were invariably accompanied the line on this Christmas Eve. estonishing truce, which the Christmas Day. by casualties.

nucice rook note on the desired and desired in a letter to impromptu concert by singing sumed all along the line." the British II and III Corps, his family. Christmas had arrived,

THE Kaiser's hate evaporated L like a mist from the far side of No Man's Land, and the war came to a dramatic standstill. That phenomenon, the Unomenal Truce, had begun.

One of the most surprising experiences of its beginning the opposing trenches, wherewas that of the officer commanding C Company of the hand shakes, exchange of North Staffordshire Regiment, cigarettes for cigars, of plum He was having his supper in puddings for cognac, of buttons his dug-out after stand-down when his company sergeantmajor put his head in. "What am I to do, sir?" he

candles and singing hymns!" Farther along the line, at about 7.30 p.m., there was a showy ceremonial parade similar predicament for the Leinster Regiment, Chineso lanterns were suddenly hoisted on the German parapet. Leinster sentries were less puzzled: they promptly shot

them to pieces. Immediately came shouted music-halls. appeals from the Germans, calling on the sentries to cease fire. And officers, hurrying out fire. And officers, hurrying our from their dinner, were ONE German soldier told a set of the bear from the Scots Guards officer he misastonished to hear from the

English: shoot, we won't shoot!" repeated again and again.

Meantime, the North Staffords brought about this unofficial officer, on going out to the truce moved the Germans to trenches, learned that a Ger- sing hymns, carols, folk-songsman soldier in No Man's Land was asking to speak to a British

The officer climbed over the from a German trench, with top and went to meet the "Home, Sweet Home," followed German. In both trenches eyes by "God Save the King."
were fixed on the two lone Needless to say there were were fixed on the two lone figures silhouetted against the night sky. Distant sounds on way of response, though either hand of occasional firing accompanied the murmur of their voices.

THE candles on the German of a clever German juggler spoke fluently in English. He went to dinner in their respeche explained he had regiment he and his collegues clears he would exchange had been fighting

the man who suggested that to the strong German tradiping, filling sandbags was Christmas Day might be tional feeling for Christmas.

but misty. Wherever the enemy opposite were Saxons or Bavarians there was peace.

Parties of Germans, armed only with picks and shovels, came out confidently into No Man's Land to bury their dead. The British were very glad to follow their example. Burying parties met midway between upon there were greetings, and badges.

At one point a few Uhlan officers, evidently serving in infantry battalions, came out to ting on their parapets, lighting pose for photographs of British together. The Uhlan officers could have come off sor to polished and clean they were.

Here and there a Saxon or a Bayarian was found to speak The English fluently. One had been a shop-walker at Selfridges, another a waiter at Frascatis, a third had played at London

German trenches, in perfect took for a corporal that he had lived just before the war in "Play the game? If you don't Suffolk, where he had left his

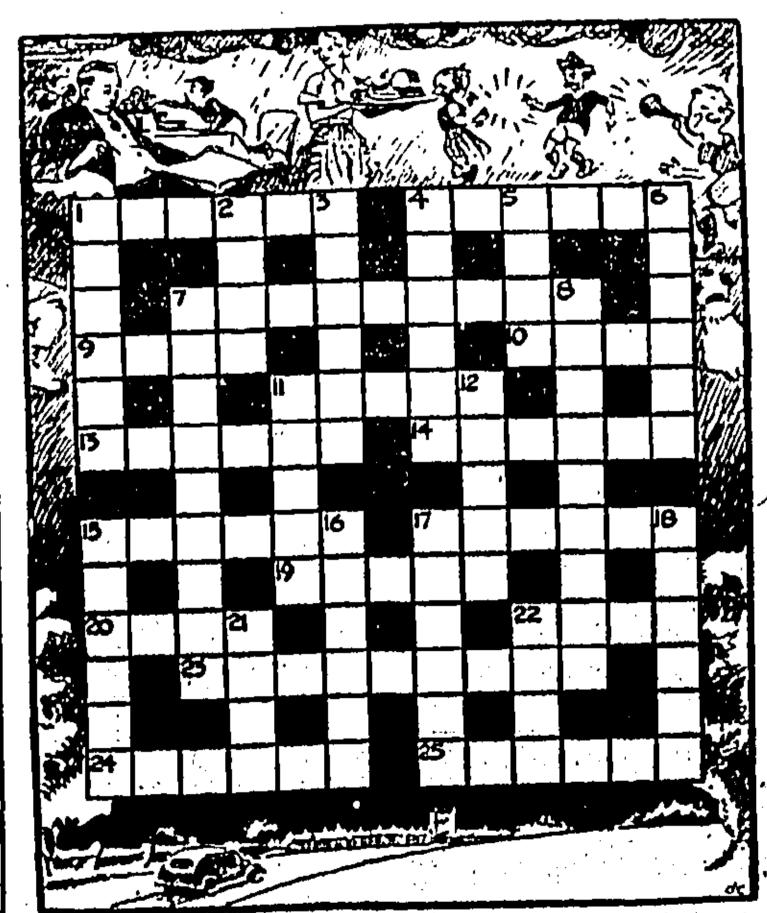
The benign influence that oven Auld Lang Sync. An exceptionally good performer on the cornet obliged,

British vocal contributions by were sometimes soldiers' songs, not quite drawing-room. On the front of the third battalion the Rifle Brigade, the performance in No Man's Land 10. parapot burned brightly in drew a large crowd from both 17. Santar white accessories. (6) to keen sir. The German soldier sides. About 1 p.m. both sides 19. How phim pudding is consumed to he five fluently in English. He went to dinner in their respection. tive trenches and a German Brighton, Asked why bugler courteously sounded the to speak to a British officers' mess call of the British

observed as "a day of rest." In In one case a party of Saxons By night there was anxious all instances elsewhere along even advised our men to warn

They were astonished to find Germans "trusted us implicitly "Then, after a pause," says together "Should auld acquaint-Christmas Day dawned fine ance be forgot-" Sir Edward

AFTER-DINNER



1. Responsible for a White Christ-4. What to call a schoolboy - or Seasonable sound made by gill He could the goose. (4) 10. Fancy dress to boast about? disordered verse is cut. (5) A more reckless allog their times,

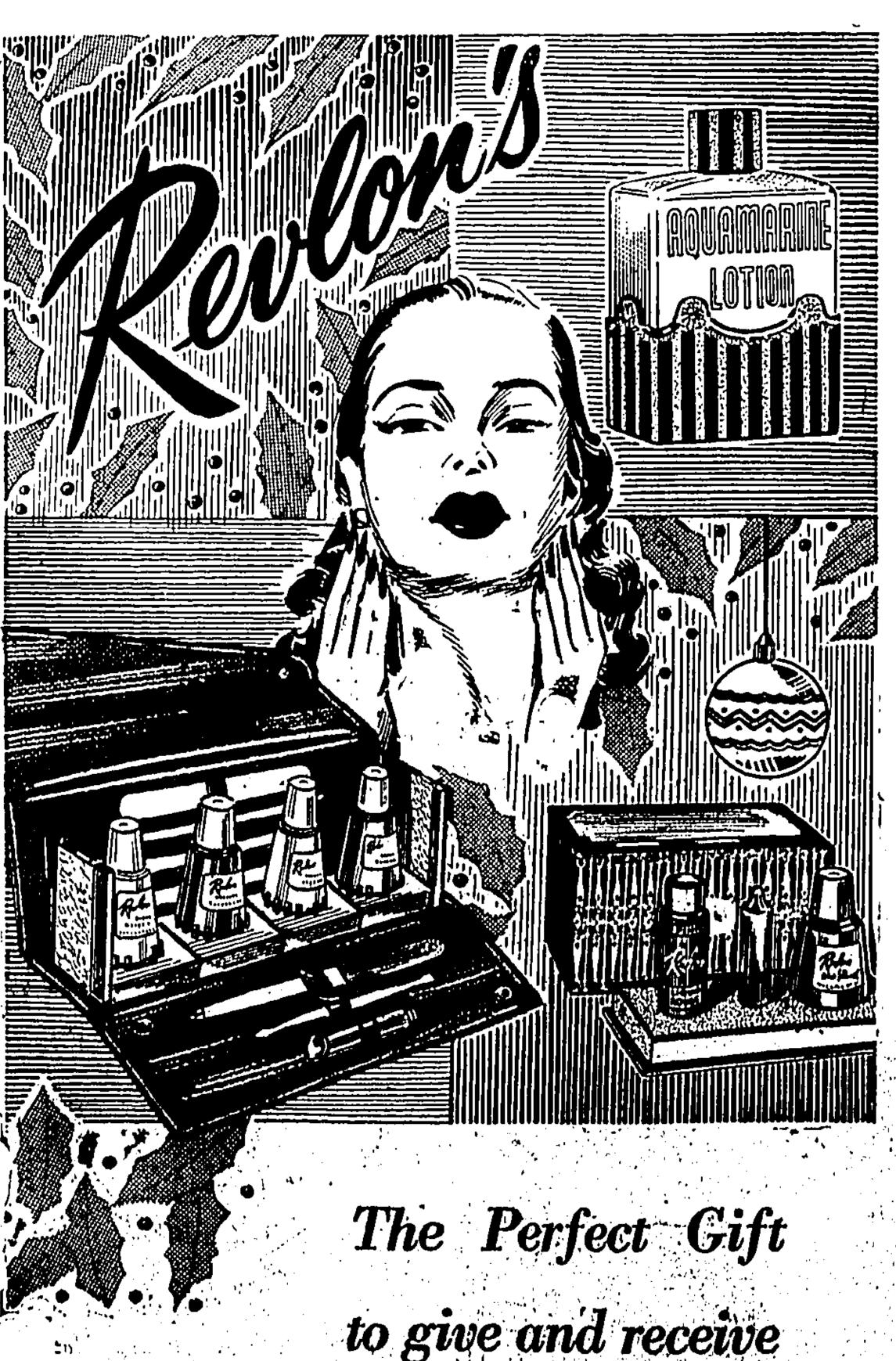
discernment? (v)

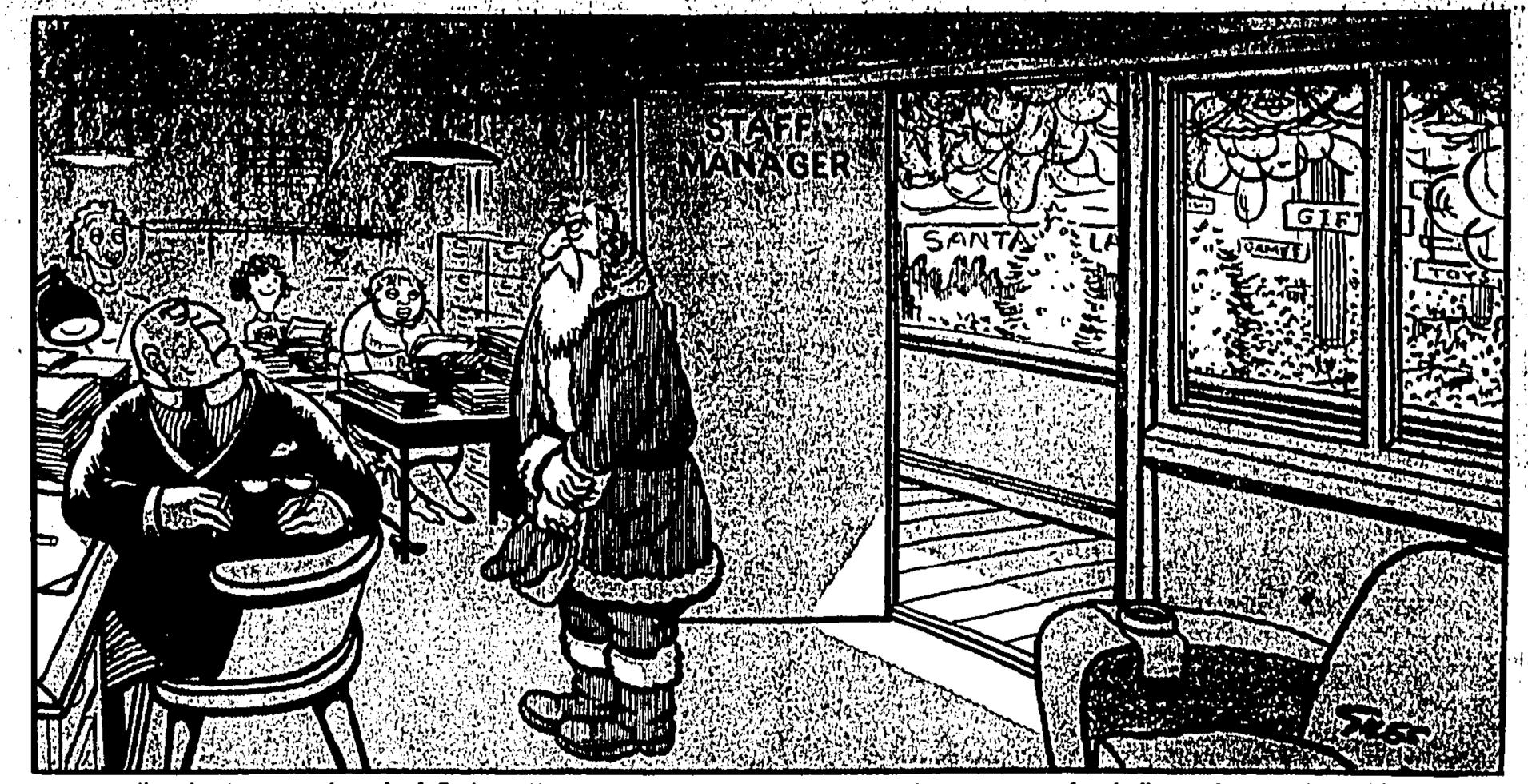
Many a new one will be turned Running knots. (6) Vocal triffe. (4) Used to wipe out the score in the deciding game? (6)
Lost Alice become heavenly. Poisonous congregation? (9) Mother's at it every Christmas morning. (6) Greedily devour a large bird. We think more of











"And who ever heard of Father Christmas getting the afternoon off to go to a football match, may I ask?"

London Express Service

MAN FORGOT—THAT'S HOW CARDS STARTED

T all began in the year that the finishing touches were put to Nelson's Column in

early Victorians were laboriously writing greetings to relatives and friends. All except one man.

Sir Henry Cole (then plain Mr Cole) had fallen behind with his correspondence that winter of 1843. There just wasn't time to write to all the people who ought to be written to. But the man who founded the Victoria " and Albert Museum wasn't to be put out by a little thing like that.

friends might be content with a printed card. Doubtless he felt that "after all, it is tho thought that counts." Cards would at least be novel.

sign the world's first Christmas was J.C. Horsley, a popular painter of his day.

The result was considered the last word in artistic fashion, thousand copies were printed at Summerly's Home Treasury Office in Old Those not needed Mr Cole were sold at a shilling at all to the festive season —

Cole-Horsley cards have survived, and one of the most interesting is reproduced here. It was sent by Horsley to "His old young friends Emma and Agnes." (The spelling — and the rather ham-fisted witticism - are Horsley's own.)

in Britain alone last year it cards they acquired, and the lacework, sating

journal, "Notes and Querles," described it thus; "A trellis of rustic work in the Germanesque however, the Christmas card incentre and two side panels. The sides were filled by representations of the feeding of the hungry and the clothing of the maked; in the centre compartment, a family were shown at

table - an old man woman, a maiden and her young man, and several children - and they were pictured drinking healths in wine." The idea struck him that his

> couraging drunkenness." But Adolph: what his critics couldn't know was that Horsley — no matter how crudely -- had started something that was to grow this opportunity of world-wide

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until about thirty years later, myself even my name This was partly due to the known." crudeness of the cards themserves - many bore no relation and partly to the high cost of postage. But with the introduction of better designs, colour printing, and greetings in verse, the card gradually gained in popularity. Then, when the postal rates were reduced in 1871, they really arrived.

The dispatch of Christman cards was still on nothing like the modern scale, of course, but the habit had grown sufficiently to cause concern among our staider Victorian ancestors. The Times of London was Though this was the direct moved to complain about the now going into Christmas card craze of people trying to out-do production. Elaborate cut-out each other in the number of shapes, intricate and

By Ronald Boxall

Despite this disparagement, and big sum in those days - and Royal Academicians acted as

well-known artists and famous the time, but we moderns — duction keeps hundreds of writers for designs and verses, if we have any taste at all for thousands of people in employ-Lord Tennyson, the Poet animated Christmas cards — ment all through the year. Thus Laureate, was one of those ap- demand something more excit- year's cards were planned two proached. Turning down an ing, like the cards which years ago, and samples were offer of 1,000 guiness for a dozen launched a rocket-ship when it sent to suppliers overseas at verses, the poet, then in his is opened, or the one that plays least thirteen months ago. manufacture," but also for "en- eightleth year, wrote to Sir "Silent Night" at the turn of a

"You cannot imagine with what regret I have forfeited into a vast world-wide industry. fame; for, beyond a doubt, these verses would have found their Yet Christmas cards did not way into many far corners of really catch on with the public the earth where I cannot flatter

underwent a drastic change in appearance. Previously. designs bore little, if any, reto the season. Some even depicted summer scenes. But all that was changed with introduction of robins, holly, mistletoe, snow scenes and other "Christmassy" motifs. The public loved them -- and still do.

More and more ingenuity was

Trafalgar Square. Christ- was not an unqualified success subsequent hold-up in the de- jewels and beads, gold: cm- on which was inscribed in Insert was coming, and the at the time. A contemporary livery of "legitimate corres- bossing — even 3-D effects — dian ink:

were tried and found success-

production went on -- with

crushed Epsom salts substituted

style divided the card into dustry - for that is what it pear. A very early one of this had become — developed so type depicted a Victorian quickly that in 1880 Sir Adolph maiden whose billowing skirts Tuck launched a nation-wide could be made to rise and recompetition to discover original year her voluminous petticoats ideas for his firm's cards. Five and three or four inches of thousand entries competed for severely-stockinged ankle as the 500 guineas in prize money — a card was opened.

> Emboldened by success, Sir Adolph began to commission

This did not come all at once, The search for novelty in Christmas cards was unending. One firm hit upon the idea of decorating its cards with frost that really glittered. Unfortunately, they hadn't enough crushed mica to make as many cards as the public wanted. But

The quest for novelty proved expensive more than amusing for a certain Herr Hollinger of Germany, He found an old the Bethlehem stable and sent it to a friend with a scribbled Chrisimas greeting. The friend missing Rembrant. Hollinger finally gave up trying to get it back after spending nearly £12,000 in legal fees.

for mica,

No account of novelty Christmas cards would be complete without mention of the smallest

and the largest ever sent. Tho smallest on record was sent to the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales. It consisted of a single grain of rice

"To His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales Animated cards began to ap- Sincere Christmas Greetings From The Joseph G. Gillot Pen Co., London, England.

Season 1929."

And the largest? This is believed to be a card sent to President Coolidge in 1924. It measured 21 by 38 inches.

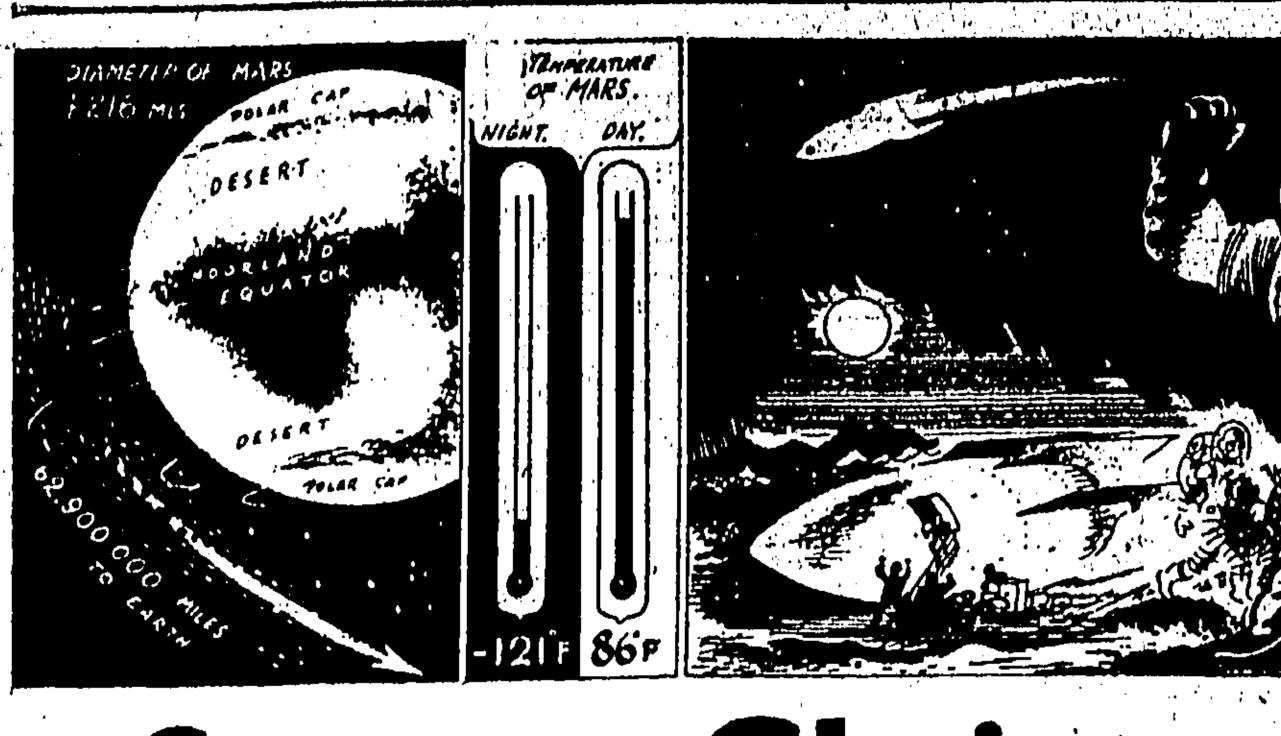
Most Christmas greetings however, conform to the tradi-This was thought daring at tional pattern. And their pro-

> Indeed, the humble Christman card has become a valuable British export. Millions are shipped abroad each year, and each has been specially selected to appeal to local tastes, People who live in sunny climates prefer traditional British scenes, thatched cottages and oldworld gardens. But there is still a keen demand for nostalgic snow scenes from living abroad.



painting of the Holy Family in cards than ever before will be sent. Once again post offices will engage extra staff and hire additional transport to get them showed the painting to experts, all to their destinations before who promptly identified it as a Christmas Day. - It knows that the public will ignore the exhortation to "Post Early For Christmas," just as it has been ignoring it since the phrase was cointd by a harassed Postmaster-General in 1880.





Christmas Space

Although this is set in the future, it is based on the latest findings of research workers who are laying the founda-

tish expedition which landed the liniest fraction of it left-at on Mars on December 24, 1993. It is the only record of the expedition so far recovered.....

* ...,...... 0800 CHRISTMAS DAY:

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that this is really Chrisanas, all important, The struggle is not merely a whim of mine. It is an order, For psychology is an all- suit is heavy and that it is reimportant factor in an expedi- latively impervious to shifts in tion like this.

yourself that it's Christmas here on Earth, and I should shoot on Mars. There are no decora- high in the air with every step tions in a space-ship. There were it not for the weights in are no signs of the hustle and the suit. The temperature bustle to get the Christmas din- fluctuated from about 120 dener ready. There isn't much grees below zero (Fahrenheit) achydrated turkey. There was above zero in the afternoon. just the present from my wifea tiny square box wrapped in a continual shuffle from a Turussue paper,

missions. But I held it in my are much more tolerable. hand and turned it over and Anyhow, here I am, as I said,

You must forgive me if I seem Martian north pole. to ramble—that is part of the turn. Here on Mars, a man can towards the equator, easily lose his grip. Talking-

man keep a hold on himself. Mars. Taking a tract of the them in 1890. No one has ever Sahara Desert, transport it to been sure just what they are, the North Pole, and lift it to But they may be waterways... the Stratosphere and you have a prrigation canals - dug by the sound approximation of the "Martians" to preserve life on a conditions and the terrain.

tions of interplanetary travel. middle of a vast red desert. It them, there is exygen. is red because it has absorbed lichen mosses. recorded diary of a virtually all of the oxygen on member of the Bri- the planet. There is now only out. least here in the desert,

wandering about in this cumber- three days here and then we some pressurised suit, which looks rather like the things you used to see years ago in the drawings which accompanied science fiction. Of course, it is a good deal more flexible and I have been struggling for an less like a suit of armour than ship. hour now to convince myself those, Freedom of movement is

The other reasons are that the It is not easy to convince only a tenth as much as he does necessary for at night to close to 90 degrees

But for the suit, life would be kish bath into a reirigerator-or almost. Not quite, of course, We agreed not to open the because there is almost no water men. presents until this afternoon - vapour here either. Without when we get back from our the damp, the heat and the cold

over, trying to guess what was in the desert-to be precise, in the desert just south of the - We landed yesterday, near

orders. We have been instruct- the pole because our biggest ed to keep talking into our job here is to track the "canais" ndcrophones almost continuous- which lead from the polar re ly from the moment we leave gions, where there is ice in the the ship to the moment we re- 6.x-month long Martian wlater,

The "canals" are the long, even to a tape recorder—helps a straight, criss-crossed lines which have Inscinated astrono-Let me tell you a little about mers ever since Lowell mapped dying planet.

is thought to be composed of . It is even possible that there iron oxide—tlny shifting parti- is comething living in or near cles of rusty metal. Its exact the "canals". It is almost cer-HE following is the composition is one of the my- tain, anyway, that there are steries we are here to solve. It plants growing near them—tiny

> This morning, I hope to find My job is to find one of these "canals" and then report back to the ship as quickly as pos-That partly explains why I am tible. We can spend just about

> > must return. But today, I must find "canal" and then get back. hope to be back for the half hour in which we will have a "Christmas" aboard the

0900:

I have been making good temperature. It has to be progress. If the astronomers' heavy. A man on Mars weighs maps are right, I should reach the "canal" by noon. But a strong wind is whipping up. have just radioed the ship, and the men who headed north have been enveloped in a sandstorm, or should I say a metal storm? They have lost contact with the ship, for the moment, anyway. I couldn't get much information from the ship because they asked to cut off in order to devote all their frequencies to attempts to make contact with the lost

> The winds and the sands are our biggest enemies.

The dawn is just breaking. The Martian night — with its stars a thousand times clearer than any stars you can see from an earthly desert—is the sort of light which might well have inspired the men who watched on the first Christmas to believe a miracle was in the

But here the astral fireworks are another terrible hazard. Meteors which burn themselves out on earth as they hurtle through the atmosphere are likely to come straight through here, like so many howling blockbusters from hell itself.

But I must not dwell on things like that. I must try to think about Christmas, I must keep up a stout heart. But it is no good repeating the official no good repeating the official about Christmas when all you have to focus your mind on is a tiny box in red tissue paper. It is a good thing that we declded not to open the presents. though. It's surprising how a little curlesity helps to keep a

1000:

The wind is growing stronger. I can hear the bits of iron oxide blowing against my suit. They sound like pebbles bouncing off a tin can. The ship is still searching for the men who went

And something more ominous has happened. The man who nlone because we haven't found a "canal." Then, sud-But here goes to find out....

If I find one, I shall throw this) record outside before I

the ship by four. The Christmas dinner -- con- "conol"-before he went to incontrated and dehydrated vestigate. food-won't look much like the The second British expedition Christmas you'll be having back lended on Mars in June 1994. on Earth. But there will be the The first space-ship had been presents we brought from home -the presents which have stay- survivors were

at 70,000 miles an hour. clocd was appropriate for a man serious sandstorms were sighted. At least, it can't be a tie. A next year in the hope that the

on a space ship. wandering back to that. ... a dead though his chances of man's reflections on a Christmas Mirvival stem similarity present on Mars must make His (Christmas present de Ciriotis reading. But otili it or event six recipies at large at the feeling rady place. It is a second of the feeling rady place. It is a second of the feeling rady place. It is a second of the feeling rady place at the feeling rady place. It is a second of the feeling rady place at the feeling rady place at the feeling rady place. It is a second of the feeling rady place at the feeling rady place at the feeling rady place at the feeling rady place.

that little box is the only reminder of reality.

-------1100: :

There it is. I can see a faint unge of green ahead. There peems to be a depression behind. Wait. The wind is whipping up, the green has disappeared. can no longer make much progress. I can't contact the ship, either. Sand in the radio gear probably. It's a little box, strapped to my chest and it's

hard to get at. No wait, there are sounds on it now. Static. But regular static. Could someone be jamming the radio waves? Or is it just another trick of the Martian

atmosphere? The cloud of sand in front of me looks like a London fog, only it has this strange red colour. No nostalgla about that, think the wind is dropping

n bit. Yes, I can see the "greenery" again now. It looks like a bed of moss. But there is definitely a depression behind it. Here we go.

:..... 1200:

There is a level stretch of smooth rock reaching away from one "bank" of the canal to the other and just below the tops of the banks.

It looks as though someone put it there. But this could be an old river bed and the rock could have been worn smooth. There is no telling for sure—

I am making my way south along the bank now.

The ship reports (the "static" has stopped) that the men who went north are definitely last. Two men were sent to find them. They found them a good mile apart. Both were smothered in sand—and their oxygen tanks had apparently burst.

the man who went west and found the "canal." Nothing interesting yet. Just

No one has seen any sign of

this slab of rock.... I must got back soon. I wonder what will turn up in that present from my wife, That is the only contact we seem to have with the Earth. For Mars is too far away for

radio contact. Just those presents, waiting to be opened.... A space-ship is like a battleship converted into a hospitalneat, compact, hygienic, smelling a little of air conditioning and disinfectant, completely impersonal. None of us has any personal possessions with him. They would take up space urgently needed for equipment—equipment that may save our lives. But we were each permitted

to take one Christmas present with us-one minute box with a human touch about it.

Ah-There's a hole in the rock. A round smooth hole. Like a hatch or a manhole cover. And there are rumblings there....It could be a Martian "spring"—burbling steam like those geysers in New Zealand. Or a small volcano?

What we know about the inferior of Mars makes it seem doubtful. But still No. I could swear there is something moving. . . . Maybe I'm losing my grip,

The recording ends there, I am moving as fast as I True to his word, the explorer

can. I must try to get back to dropped it beside the "canal".; or what he thought was the

wrecked in a sandstorm. were really hurtling through it, second expedition found no "canals" and returned home I wonder what my wife do- after a day and a half when A third expedition will leave tie would have taken up too mystery can be cleared up.
much room. Even a tie is bulky There is will no positive evidence that the explorer who I'm sorry my mind keeps recorded the above diary is

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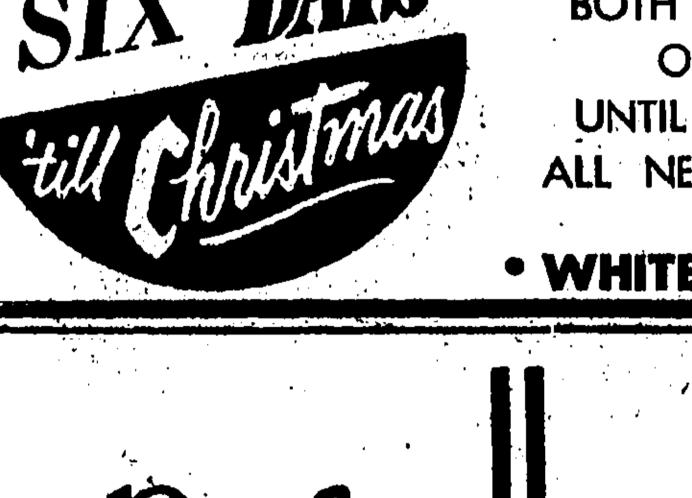
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only. But it can be won by women. For that matter, anyone can win it—even a civilian, provided he or she is under the enough men to travel in pairs orders, direction or supervision of the military, naval or air forces. And the act of valour doesn't have to be in the face of the enemy, denly, he went off the air. as is popularly supposed. In 1858, two years after Queen Victoria instituted the award,

the Royal Warrant was amended to cover other acts of gallantry. | enter. Private Timothy O'Hea won his V.C. on June 9, 1886, for putting out a fire in a railway ammunition car.

COLOUR BAR TILL 1911

Until 1911, only white serving men could win the red-or blue—ribbon. (It was blue for Naval V.C.'s until August 1918), and the award was not open to nurses before 1920.

captured in the Crimean War. Then the supply of cannon metalran cut and, since 1942, it has come from the Royal Mint. Winning the V.C. brings great honour—but little else. There ed in their wrappers for nine where the "record" was located is an annuity of £10 a year for non-commissioned holders only, long weeks while we seemed to there was no sign of a "canal", plus sixpence a day added to a pension. The annuity can be hover motioniess in space and Just more even desert. The raised to £75 a year in cases of extreme poverty.

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An additional 25 a year is awarded to double-V.C.'s, if they are non-commissioned. But so far it has never been paid. Only three men have won a bar to the medal, so far, and they were all officers.

Although the actual value of the V.C. is but a low shillings, It attracts big money from collectors. One was sold for £140. That's why counterfeiters have tried their hands at forging the

medal. Two fake V.C.'s were discovered in 1954: / One was supposed to have been the original medal won by a Private of the 4th History In the glorious Charge of the Light Brigade J. The other was thought to be Private O'Heg's the man who but out the fire in 1866. But that V.C. lies safely in the Rifle

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JOHN BAKER WHITE

Well-known writer on food and wine and author of "Dining Out In London"

wine every day of their lives. But that the common practice of the great majority of the peoples of Britain and the Commonwealth and Empire. It is for this majority that I am writing, attempting to answer, from thirty years' experience of wine buying and drinking, a question put to me recently by a young

Christmas together. They are cherry; and there are any numentertaining their parents in ber of brands on the market. their new home and want to The classifications are Fine and do them well, but their financial Manzanilla-dry; Amontilladomeans are limited. So is their meduim dry; and Brown or knowledge of wine. Hence their Cream-full-flavoured.

time in those days to prepare the Christmas dinner—they cer-

The bird had to be completely

skinned without harm to its

brilliant plumage, then stuffed

with sweet herbs and spices.

After slow roasting had constant

basting with rich gravies, the

peacock was sewn up again in its feathered skin, and placed

on the table with its gorgeous

Often, too, jts gilded beak was

stuffed with spirit-soaked wool

and set alight. U'm, scrumptious!
Imagine the preparation neces-

sary when, so history tells us,

more than one hundred peacocks

were served at Royal banquets.

Today, it would probably be difficult to find a hundred pea-

estates and satellite towns, would

was a time, however, before Cromwell banned the "pagan"

festive season, when boar's head was a familiar dish on the Christ-

stuffed, garnished with rose-

mary, decorated with evergreen and served on a giant silver dish,

was the piece de resistance of

pecially among the wealthy, who

enjoyed this delicacy with due

Many of the oldest Christmas

customs centre around the boar's

head. One of the most pictures-

most Christmas banquots,

tradition and ceremony.

at Queen's College, Oxford.

wild boar.

cocks in the whole of Britain.

tail spread out in all its glory.

married couple.

"Tell us what wines we ought to have on Christmas I would choose an Amontillado,

Some people may like to start with a cocktail before the Christmas dinner to create "the party spirit," but spirits put up the cost. Unless you are en expert cocktail maker, the safest bet is three parts of gin to a dry white vermouth, ice, and dash of lemon juice well stirred, but not too well shaken.

They are spending their first Personally, I would start with

CHRISTMAS FARE OF LONG AGO

FOREFATHERS ENJOYED

By HAROLD KENNEDY

STRANGE DISHES

To precede Christman food, the South African medium and dry sherries are not to be despised. Some are very good. The rich, fuller sherries go belter at the end of the meal, and can be drunk instead

Madeira before the meal, or It you decide to "push the boat what used to be the Navy's out" and buy a vintage wine, aperitif before they took to gin make a note of the best years. -thy Marsala.

Simple rules

The wine experts will tell you that white wines should be drunk with certain foods, and

wine with the fish and red wine in which you are going to drink with the mest, That sule is difskult to copy to the traditional Christmas dinner, so I am poing over 60 degrees F., and do not to suggest one of two courses. to suggest one of two courses, stand it in a drought. Keep the Choose the colour that you think white wine in the coolest place will be most ecceptable to your in the house for the same period.
party, or decide to have god Two hours before you want it, wine with the bot meal and atend it in a bucket of really white with the cold.

With our Christmas dinner we shall have Burgundy, and with our cold supper in the evening, on Alsatian white wine. or It you decide to "push the boat

Claret: 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952,

Burgundy: 1947, 1949, 1952.

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They are:

If you decide on champagne, mince there are any number of sound pies, not to be compared with non-vintage verieties. To drink Rummel, Cointresu, Benedictive pie Sir Henry Gray sent with Christmas food, choose a line, or a good brand of Cherry from Berwick to London in 1770, dry, but not a "very dry," Brandy of English or Danish for a mammoth banquet champagne, manufacture.

The temperature of wines will make all the difthese simple rules:

Reep the red wine in the room it for 24 hours beforehand, ascuming the room temperature is cold water. And half an hour before you open it, sad a few

Good finish

gose should be treated the same

way as a white wine; cham-

pagne should be made slightly

Port forms a very good finish to the Chrisimas dinner, especially if you have bought something special in the way of where. Vintage ports are often hard to come by, expensive to buy, and need very gentle treat-There are, of course good, ment in decenting. On the other "sado" well-tried wines in the hand there are available at cheaper, non-vintage classes, reasonable prices plenty of lighter but pleasant non-vintage ports-known as Wood Portsand some good Empire Tawny port-type wines.

> The classification of nonvintage ports is Towny-Light; Ruby—Medium Heavy, but full-bodied wines are often sold under the name Full Tawny. Old Bual Madeira is a plessant alternative to Port.

Many people will want to finish their Christmas dinner But these do not represent with brandy or a liqueur. There the limits of your choice. A are some very expensive Rhone wine, Chatesuneut du brandles of great age to be had, Pape, has become deservedly but unless you are a connolsseur, popular since the war. So have it would be wise to leave them the Muscadet wines from the cut of the picture. A brandy Loire, South African hock, and with a ten-year-old guarantee. the Alsatian and Yugoslav white will be quite good; one wines. (Consult, your wine better still. Your pelate will

ficult to give advice about them. You cannot go far wrong with

With our cold meal in the evening, we shall have a glass of Muscadet from the Loire, instead of Sherry or a cocktail, and an Alsatian Sylvaner with our food. Later in the evening, we shall have a glass of strong Old Ale-and so to bed.

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worry. You are not likely for him-and with great preto hear your host say that sence of mind he rammed his goose. Bub said he didn't believe to you this Christmas, but gaping laws, choking the beast. cooked. Its tenderness and in the 17th century peacock. To celebrate his escape, his flavour, size and cheapness, were was the premier dish on the fellow students held a feast, the themes of universal admirawith the boar's head as the main tion. Elect. out by apple sauce

festive tables of the English People may have had more You don't fancy boar's head? tainly needed plenty of time

Then, perhaps you would prefer when peacock was on the menu. a slice of bear's ham? Oh, yes, even that appeared on Christmas. menus in past ages. Bears were imported for bear-buiting, a popular "sport" at country fairs. When an animal was "retired" from the arena, it provided very choice meat for the rich man's table, or so we are told.

killing a badger for food these days, but the meat of this animal used to be a Christmas delicacy. Still, at Ilchester, in Somerset, a "Badger Feast" held every Christmas Eve. Badger, roasted on a spit over an oven fire after dark, is Nor, in these days of housing served to guests at the Cow Innstates and satellite towns, would there—with full festive honours, you find wild boars roaming the of course. Knives and forks are English countryside. So you will berred. Tradition rules that the not be asked this Christmas to badger must be torn apart and eat a slice of boar's head. There eaten with the fingers.

When it comes to red meat, most of us would agree there is nothing to best the good old English roast which was all poorer folk could afford in the Middle Ages. Yet it is true to say that one of the oldest of all Christmas customs is "carving the bird", even if POAR'S head, roasted and Dad (through lack of practice) cannot carve so well or such ceremony as Grandadi

There is hardly a species of bird that has not been eaten at Christmas-time. Heroos, capons heir: feathers!) (cooked in woodcocks, pigeons, snipes, larks have ended up as dinners. Even the Christmas partridge has decorated restive board, though legend que was the boar's head feast says that the mark on the breast of this is Satan's hoof-print, and, therefore, the partridge should Picture the scene. In the great mot be enten by true Christians.

banqueting hall of the college No such idea (thank goodthe tables are laden, with ness!) applies to the birds that festive fore. To the strains of a grace our twentieth-century traditional carol, a gay and Yulotide tables—chickens, ducks, romantic procession arrives from goese and turkeys. The last-the kitchen, with the cook hold—named fowls, introduced into ing aloft a gleaming silver tray. Britain about 1530, have no on which reposes the decorated connection with the country of and garlanded head of a hugo Turkey. Oh, not They were found originally This traditional rite owed its America. origin to something that happen-

The goose has been a favourite mediaeval days. A Queen's undergraduate was Christmas dinner for hundreds strolling in the woods at Shot- of years. Remember the one

O have a portion over, near Oxford, carrying a Scrooge bought for the Cratchita of roast peabook on philosophy when a in Dickens's immortal "Christgiant tusker rushed at him. The mas Carol"?

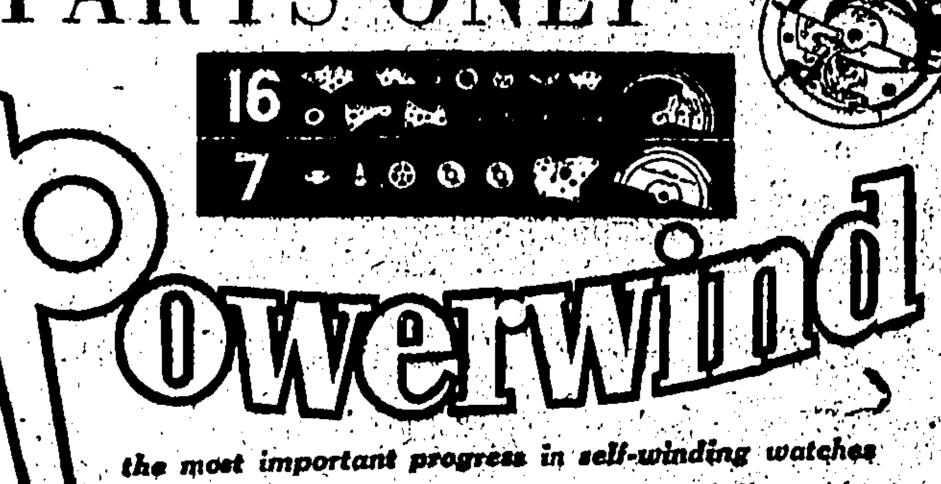
Vous are set likely likely his head—fortunately

hundreds of years at Oxford's family...and the youngest Queen's College.

You don't famous burning to the applications of the property of the Pies are still featured on the

Christmas menu-small Weighing 168 lb. it contained four gires, four turkers, four anipe, pigeons, six partridges, two ference to their flavour. Do not rabbits and two ox tongues, to- boil your red wines to death gether with all the trimmings, under the not tay, or treeze the of course. No wonder the dish white in the refrigerator. Unless had to be fitted with wheels before it could be transported inwine, it is best to keep to the LEW people would dream of to the banqueting hall!

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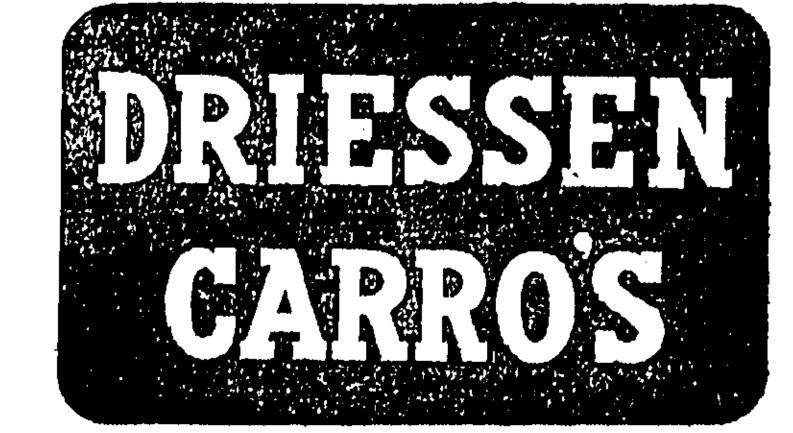
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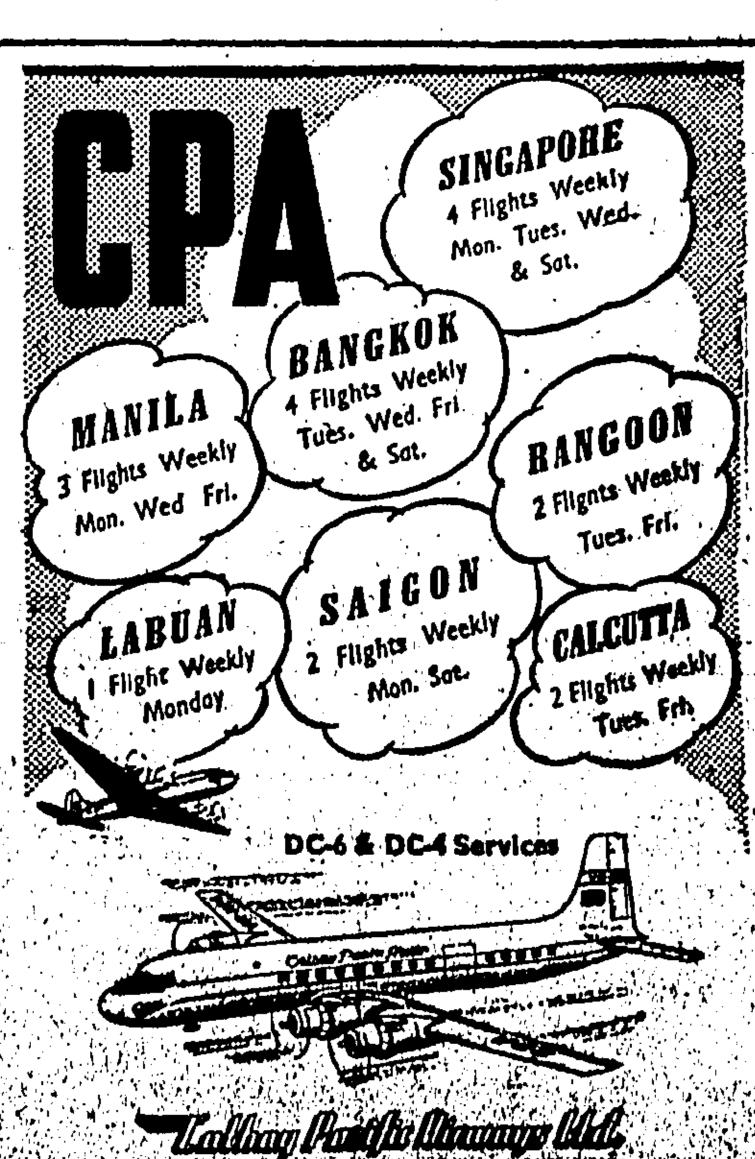
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dexter with forefinger the whole tended, mounting the legend, gimme that for mas.' " For on that piping heart-

ory and that pudgy finger industry.

Maybe it's It was "goodbye" to the old pass through the testing labora-

In these high-powered times scientific equipment simulates topping at some childish bauble on, standing-on and huffy heavyou could say "Saint Nicholas" will doubtless be subject. a shop steward would be breath- Any qualified toy-tester can ing heavily down the hammer- tell you almost without thinker's neck and wanting to know if ing how many small girls can he was paid up with the Feder- haul on the arms of a teddyated Gnomes' and Associated bear before it comes apart. Fairles' Union.

DOOR old Santa Claus's workshop would last about two minutes under the hard-eyed germs. scruting of any self-respecting factories inspector. And goes for Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer if he gets in the way of some airline freighter carry-

ing export-only toys. So, if you have old illusions that need shattering, just wheel them along to any large, airconditioned, super-efficient British toy factory one afternoon.

If the old magic has disappeared, though, the business barons—give them their due have injected a new sort of magic into toy-making. The magic of precision engineering, laboratory experiments, scienti-de testing, ruthless efficiency and split-second reaction to market changes.

Christmas is coming and the public—that big int goose—is getting ready to lay its annual golden egg. Ruddy-faced gents—how do they spend the rest of the year?—are preparing to stuff pillows under their belts, disappear behind cotton-wool whiskers and become the oncea-year legion of £5-a-week Santa Clauses. The fairy lights and timed are coming out of

cold storage. But don't let it kid you. It's just a front, a concession to the old magic, by the big-time toymakers who have been busy

hasn't been regis-business men put their feet up tered at the College on Christmas and Boxing Day-Heralds yet. But getting ready for the publics mid-winter splurge.

Toy-making is big business Britain's toymakers, could it all the year round, with up to hand the minute efficiency the key-note. The chief of one of Briex- tain's biggest manufacturers can sur-boast that his machine-press nd, 'Ma, and plastic sections can equal, Christ- if not botter, anything like them in the country.

IN one plant on the outskirts of stabbing at a tinsel-hung designers and development reshopwindow has been built search experts bend their one of Britain's bigger minds, eight hours a day, to the money-spinners—the world's tricky task of tickling juvenile fericy. Hundreds of machine greatest, most thriving, toy perators work full time transleting the drawing - board good for the dreams into marketable realities. balance sheets. But when big Between the designers' office business moved in on Toyland and the machine-shops the toys

any olfin hammer that tried the pummelling, kicking, sixtingwould get short shrift. Before ings to which the finished article

tories, where the latest in

Santa Claus's sack has given way to relentless conveyor belts whisking along the smooth, shiny, super-tested toys, guaranteed to spread delight but no

But all of this huge, breathtaking edifice of industry stands or falls by the whims of the world's whipper-snappers.

Will the kids take to it? That's the motto haunting manufacturers and designers alike the year round.

A ND what determines childish taste? Day-to-day events, say the manufacturers.

Take model aircraft, for instunce. One of Britain's biggest toymakers had been turning out models of Hawker Hunter jet aircraft for several months They rolled off the production line in all the shades likely to be affected by their real-life

The manufacturer didn't have to writ- to be told. As news of the record-smasting attempt hit the headlines he was on the phone to the finishing depart-

The small-fry

want can tell his story to the I mean, bankruptcy court, - ...

Britain can so successfully types of their products. entisty the wants of internathat produced Peter Pan has, calls to youth, and all that.

They might care to spare a appeal to the modern boy. thought, too, about whether At the same time a close manufacturers or the kids them- watch is kept on the shiny selves drove the magic out of fashion magazines. A doll put toys. For the youngsters are as onto the market with a wardhard-headed and realistic as the robe not just up-to-the-minute industry itself.

And any manufacturer who including dispers that really do doesn't give them, what they need changing-ie you see what

So exacting is the domand Economists with a psycholo-that toynakers have to work gical bent might care to hand in slove with the people speculate about how it is that who make the real-life proto-

As soon as a new ear comes tional infancy. Maybe the nation on the market the mattaineturors, get requests from toyitself, some unaware kinship firms for blueprints. The same with that oternal spirit. Youth goes for every other sort of real-life machine calculated to

—and sales would plummet.

FOR TOYLAND

Yorke Henderson

tomobile, he wants it to look man active the constant cry exactly like the real thing, and goes out for something new, not just vaguely like it. For the always something new. one Mum or Auntie pushes.

just says "Mirma," To satisfy, section and find out it's got to be absolutely life- yourself!! like, with a compete wardtobe,

If a boy wants a toy nu- And just to keep the ideas

girls, a baby carriage has to be With markets to capture and miniature reflection of the keep, the makers maintain a security network around their Nowadays the average under- latest products that would do teen-age miss turns up her credit to an atom plant. Just try snub little nose at the doll that to get near a toy experimental



In one of Britain's biggest toy factories, scale model jet fighters, powered by tiny motors, and given a final test before

IN Britain, thousands of children are looking forward A to their great annual treat—the Christmas pantomime -which in reality reverts to ancient Roman days when, to celebrate the feast of Saturnalia, men and women changed clothes.

counterparts. But Squadron-Leader Neville Duke had to go and break the world's air speed record in a bright red Panionimes in Britain were first produced 300 years ago, when there were always comic acts with clowns, harlequing and a ballet dancer. Gradually this representation was thrust to the end of the performance which presented some well-known fairy

In British pantomimes the "principal boy" (reminder of the old Roman festival) is always a girl, while the middle-aged woman or "dame" is a man whose duty it is to awaken humour and arouse laughter.

ment ordering: 'From now on, Every year, pantomimes, held in the chief provincial theatres all Hawker Humers in red and in some London ones, include topical jokes and allusions, only."

and this year, no doubt, many good-natured quips will be heard Gis- and well received.

old magic, by the big-time toy- criminating. They want pint- Modern pantomimes are essentially musical shows, introducing makers who have been busy size replicas of the real-life the latest popular song and dance hits. Among this year's since last December 27—even things they see about them. featured numbers will be many all-British compositions.

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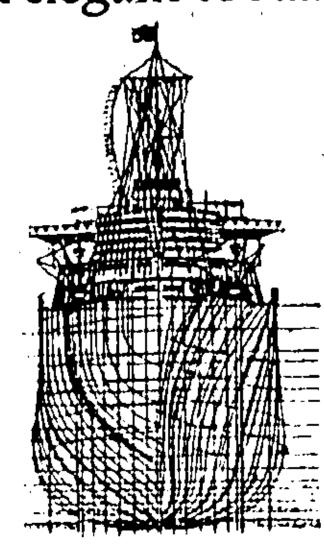
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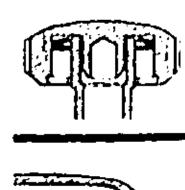


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EHIND a door marked "Maraging Director," S. Claus of Claus International Inc., Toy and Novelty Manufacturers and Wholesale Dis-

his export order book. He stabbed at a bell-push on his deak with a plump, red forepointed cars and heavy, horn- served." rimmed spectacles scurried into the office.

tributors, was engrossed in

"Sir?" it queried. "See here," sald S. Claus, "who in the name of Christmas is Ivan Ivanovitch Grodnodski of Rzhev? And what does he for one junior spaceman's suit and one gamma ray disintegrator pistol? I can't find him listed anywhere as an accredited retaller."

The elf shuffled his feet. "Sir, he isn't, sir," he said.

S. Claus's beard bristled. "What do you mean 'he isn't'?" "Just that, Mr Claus, sir. He isn't an accredited retailer." "Then, what," demanded S. Claus in an ominous whisper, "is ho?"

"I think he's a schoolboy, Mr

Q. CLAUS exploded, here, Grogsblossom, you'vo been here long enough to know that CLAUS INTERNATIONAL rade. Inc. (he pronounced it in capitals, all but the "Inc.", that please. is) deals only with the trade, "Yes, sir, Mr Claus, sir. But you see Rzhev is in Russia..." S. Claus's normally ruddy

complexion turned the colour of crusted port. "Russia," he said in a husky little voice just like that. "Russia... RUSSIA!!" Ho tried the word out for size, but didn't seem to like it any better. "Grogsblossom!" he thundered, "don't you know that this con-

cern has no dealings with these ..these...these...people? "Don't you know that they called me a deviationist myth of capitalist bloodsuckers? Don't you know that...eh?

Grogsblossom qualled. "Anyway," S. Claus went on

in a quieter tone, "there's all this business of embargoes and exchange difficulties and import restrictions."

LIE drummed his singers on the desk and stared at the scrap of paper torn from an exercise book on which Ivan Ivanovitch Grodnodski of Rzhev had written in big, rounded Russian capitals his request for a junior spaceman's suit and a gamma ray disintegrator pistol.

A nervous little cough broke his reverie, and from under eyesbrows like iced vermicelli he looked up at Grogsblessom.

"You still here?" "Yes, Mr Claus, sir."
"Well...?"

"Shall I write to Ivan Ivano-vitch Grodnodski and tell him we're sorry but...?"

There was a long pause. S. Claus brought his great red fist down on the desk with a resounding thump. "No," he said in a hourse

Then he broke into a laugh, which seemed to grow on him like an express train roaring out of the distance.

The massive desk tipped over in front of him and S. Claus rolled helplessly on the ground.
When he recovered himself he looked hard at the elf. "You may go, Grogsblossom," he said curtly.

up from his pile of customs in- The clastering telephone voices. "Christmas Eve," he brought him wearily to his

S. CLAUS FILLS HIS EXPORT

PHONE CALL FROM BULGANUSCHEV

-By John McKenna-

Eve." [Georgi. repeated with a have?" wry glance at the thermometer outside the window. It read 62

accrees below zero—Fahrenheit, Vassili snorted. idlot," he sald. "I suppose you'll be looking for Santa Claus next."

customer-pardon me, comrade, April. finger. An eisin figure with like a citizen-waiting to be "No, you can't arrest a non- ganuschev just to create a

A outside. The light came mean putting through an order from one of the eight reindeer -a smug looking reindeer with a vast red nose.

> Georgi opened his book and began to write. "One sleigh, eight reindeer, five cives and

He left the space blank.

"Yes, comrade," he said

can get used to the labels on tion) and so on and on. this stuff the MVD orders.

the official list later, com-

"What? You haven't got any. Say you don't need any? Most irregular, comrade. Of course. I understand that with this kind of shipment unusual carriers are often employed. But I'll have to check.

Georgi's eyes opened with wonder. But he wrote "S. Claus" dulifully on the form.

then he decided that the space he had been tempted to write "man" on the inventory had better be left blank. "Just wait a moment,

you, comrade?" he asked. really must check all this with Comrade Vorislov." Inside, Vassili read through the form and snorted again.

Georgi sometimes thought it was the only reaction he had went to the shelf and

took down the massive "S"
volume of the "People's Guide
to Reactionary Myths and
Misleading Deviationist Fiction
(Including a Full Guide to
Capitalist Hyenas)."

"Claus, S," he read in a low measured tone, "A deviationist

myth of the capitalist system, a non-existent person used extensively by capitalist hyenas He stopped. "Non-existent,"

he said. "That's the point."
"Ipanvotchsky," he roared.
"You know there's no provision in the constitution for the admission of non-existent persons to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

"What do they teach you young idiots at bureaucrats school these days?"
"Come to think of it," he

added in a quaking whisper, "there's no provision for NOT admitting non-existent persons to the Union of Soviet Socialis! Republics, either. "Give me the telephone."

IN Moscow, Stepan Serionov had gone to bed. He was trying hard to drive sat deviationist, images of plum He looked puddings out of his minda

non - existent persons have ruled officially Georgi grinned and got up to be noxious entities. I'll have I the cheerful, bald-pated from his desk. "Light out it taken up by the committee little man who was the there," he said. "Looks like a if you like. They meet in Commissars of all Commissars

existent person, and send him little confusion among his front to Siberia. I'm quite sure men-got to his desk. there's no transport schedule for non-existent goods. That's the phone messages had begun the Transport Division (Mis- to pour in as the other Com-GIANT sleigh had pulled up cellaneous Hyenas Section) you missars rejected the massive want if you're contemplating correspondence about any such action, anyhow.

"Goodnight, I'll have the operator transfer you to them missars read it quickly and thing. if you like."

ND so it went. From the A Transport Division (Mispolitely. "Anything to declare? cellaneous Hyenas Section) Polico People's "One junior spaceman's suit (Deviationist Aliens Section) to TN and one gamma ray disintegra- the Ministry of Myths (Bour- I tor," Georgi repeated, "That was geois Reactionary, Peoples disintegra or, you said? Never Ruin for the Inciting of Sec- waited.

The Transport people said that trembling. "And who's it for? Ivan non-existent byenus couldn't "A Mr Bulgonushchev on the Grodnodski, Rzhev? I'm afraid need transport. The police said telephone." he said. "He says I'll have to check that against that non-existent persons it's urgent. Very Urgent, Most couldn't legally occupy space in urgent, sir." the cells. The Ministry of S. Claus lit a cigar. "Tell papers, Myths said they only recorded him to wait. I may talk fo him myths, they couldn't arrest them. in an hour or so." Wearily, Vassili stamped S. S. Claus finished Claus's forms and let him lit another, finished that, Ho

he said mechanically into the ministries. S. Claus was nonelephone. existent and everything he had phone.
A few seconds later, he was with him—"All normal trap- Mr I

non-existent, too. He devoutly hoped that Ivan indeed, Ivanovitch Grodnodski was pretty high up in the MVD.

-find who called himself Bul-

Already the telegrams and

Ivanovitch Gradnodski. The Commissar of all Compicked up the bright red telephone on his desk. He walted until everyone was clearly out of earshot. Then he dialled a secret number.

office of S. Claus International Inc., S. Claus sat and

Grogsblossom

ili Vorislov "S. Scrionov, People's Com- through. He had at least got read The Times and Whole-his eye- missar of Noxious Substances," one clear decision from all the sale Toy Distributors' Annual, he said mechanically into the ministries. S. Claus was non- Then he ploked up the tele-

Mr Bulganuschev was waiting pings of the myth," the Myth patiently. For, as he had sug-"What's that? You say you people assured him, must be gested to Grogzblossom, the matter was very important

"You say you have a problem?" S. Claus asked amiably. "You say small boys all over the country are demanding junior spacemen's suits and gamma ray disintegrators?

"Why don't you send them to

"You say there are 6,233,471 of them and it would be awkward? Quite, And besides you

want a gamma ray disintegrator "I see. You're an accredited wholesaler? You own all of

Russia? How's your credit? "Yes, quite. You can guarantee distribution? Ah., yes. Rather irregular of me, I admit: I don't usually deal with individuals

and I think I may not need to again. But there's one more

WIEARILY, Mr Bulganuschev VV called his scoretary.

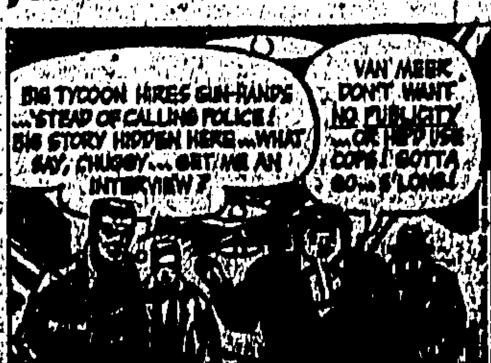
"Take a note for Pravda," he said. "And for the Soviet Encyclopedia, And for the People's Guide to React'onary Myths and Deviationist Fiction (Including a Full Guide to Capitalist Hyenas).

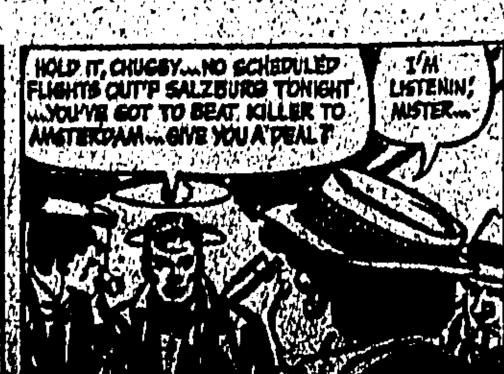
"Claus, S. A. well-known hero of the People's Progress, has contributed extensively to peace and harmony in the Soviet and to the moral and educational welfare of countless small

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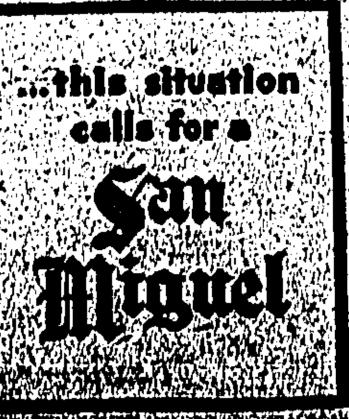


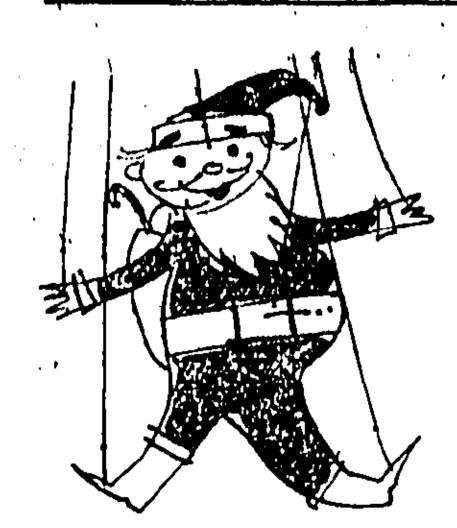
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and goes with red, blue and

On accessories: "There is a

green tones."

Perfect for the festive season is this chie double-breasted leopard cost from Lanvin-Castillo. It has a big collar of

black fur.-Agence France:Presse.

The bodice is swathed and mounted with a yellow sash.

not too expensively) for the Christmas party season? For the answer I went to three top London designers, Michael Sherard, Paterson and Ronald

We discussed the dress first-A woman may feel her best in short version, in a non-dating colour and long-lasting fabric, wins hands down for versatility.



Michael suggested a short full-skirted cross in paper taffeta. or faille, accompanied by a fitted bolero or waist-length inchet. "I know the sheath dress is smart, but it is limited in scope," he said, "Choose it only if you have others in your

On colour "Everyone ваух wear black tor the evening, But I say wear back only if black guits you--and it has to built you extremely well before you' can carry it off in the artificial light of the evening. Choose a colour .. red, coral, pink-that looks good against a man's dinner jacket. Women never think of that and we are always terribly hurt. Women should do their bit out of compliment to us by going into colour."

On evening coats: "Five women out of ten can't afford a fur coat there days. So invest in an wonderful choice of sparkling evening coat that will last for junk jewellery just now, and rears. Make it as simple as I like to see it piled on necklace possible, triangular in shape with after necklace. Long. gloves,

full back. An evening coat is shoulder high, are important. something special; you are not They make an outfit look on straight-up-and-down lines, just buying it for now. It should finished, while short gloves with big revers and big patch be dark in colour for practical look unbalanced."

Elizabeth has sketched two of the new evening styles by London's top designers.

Left: Ronald Paterson makes this short evening dress, with the stem-slim skirt and

Right: A flowing ball dress from Victor Stiebel in a new material - printed satin.



Michael Sherard suggested short evening dress for those should be simple, based on the princess line with interest on bust and hem and a fitting, but not belted, line in between. There are several new materials, which are a good buy. There is a new nylon velvet which does not crease and does not mark. You can screw it up and literally brush the creases off."

colours, team them with bright sashes, beads, scarves. One of clamorous fabric. Here again my favourites is ilex green, the metallic materials are first Though of course if you happen to have rather a nice emerald necklace or amber beads then you naturally want to build your outfit round that,"

On accessories: "You can have the greatest fun with them and they needn't be expensive. You might choose a black satin dress, have a black stole lined with red, and black satin shoes with red heels. The stole is casily made—and looks so much better than that tired little bit of fur and the shoes can be cheaply



Ronald Paterson considered the short evening dress the most practical, called it the afterwin dress. "It suits more occasions than the long dress and you can make it gay with a few accessories. It should be simply but beautifully cut, princess or empire line, with a full skirt stiffened to stand out. In a stiff black faille or velvet, it is a jully good standby."

On colour: "I like to see dress, hat, handbag, gloves all in one colour, with a splash of colour in the shoes. I have a mania for coloured shoes in inde, pink or blue. They are impractical, but if you have a practical dress, you are allowed a bit of nonsense in your shoes."

On accessories: "Choose a snugly fitted jacket to go with the dress and splash on the embroidery. Have a pale jacket velvet jacket with pearl, crystal and jet, embroidery. With jewellory, have everything in one place, masses of necklace or masses of bracelets. For a coat choose black velvet — black velvet is smorter than mink—and line it to match the shoos."

That's the couturiors advice. That's the conturiers nuvleo. Now for the wholesale de-signers. Looking round the showrooms bere, I find the same ideas. The return of the evening offit is particularly noticeable; it is studied a big comeback in time for Christman.

In a with the net too expen-

Imagine a tailored coat cut pockets, in Italian pink satin. Or a more casual style, with rounded shoulders, edge-to-edge front, in red satin faced with green. Or a style for Christmas in a cold climate in white tweed lined with crimson satin to tone with the dress beneath. Effective? Yes-and practical.

In accessories, a lot of the new ideas are in hair decorations. Latest idea for a chignen could be a bracelet or gold-braid to circle the bun, or a posy of flowers attached to a comb and spiked into the bun. Newest style in shoes can

be the plain, low-cut spikeheeled court in one of the new metallic brocades. In evening handbags, the latest idea can be the pochette, shaped like a On colour: "Choose neutral purse but several sizes] larger, and made up in a suitably

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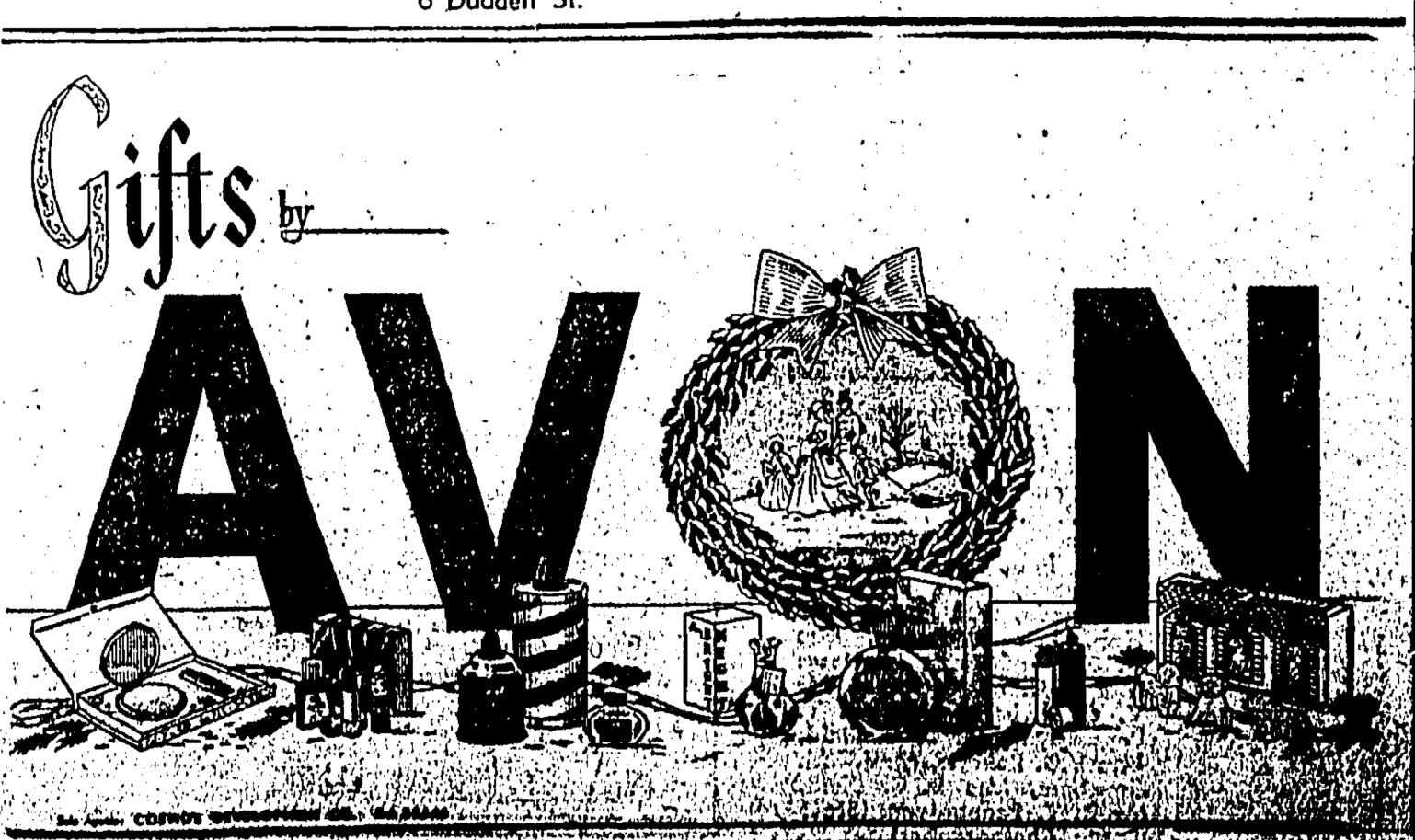
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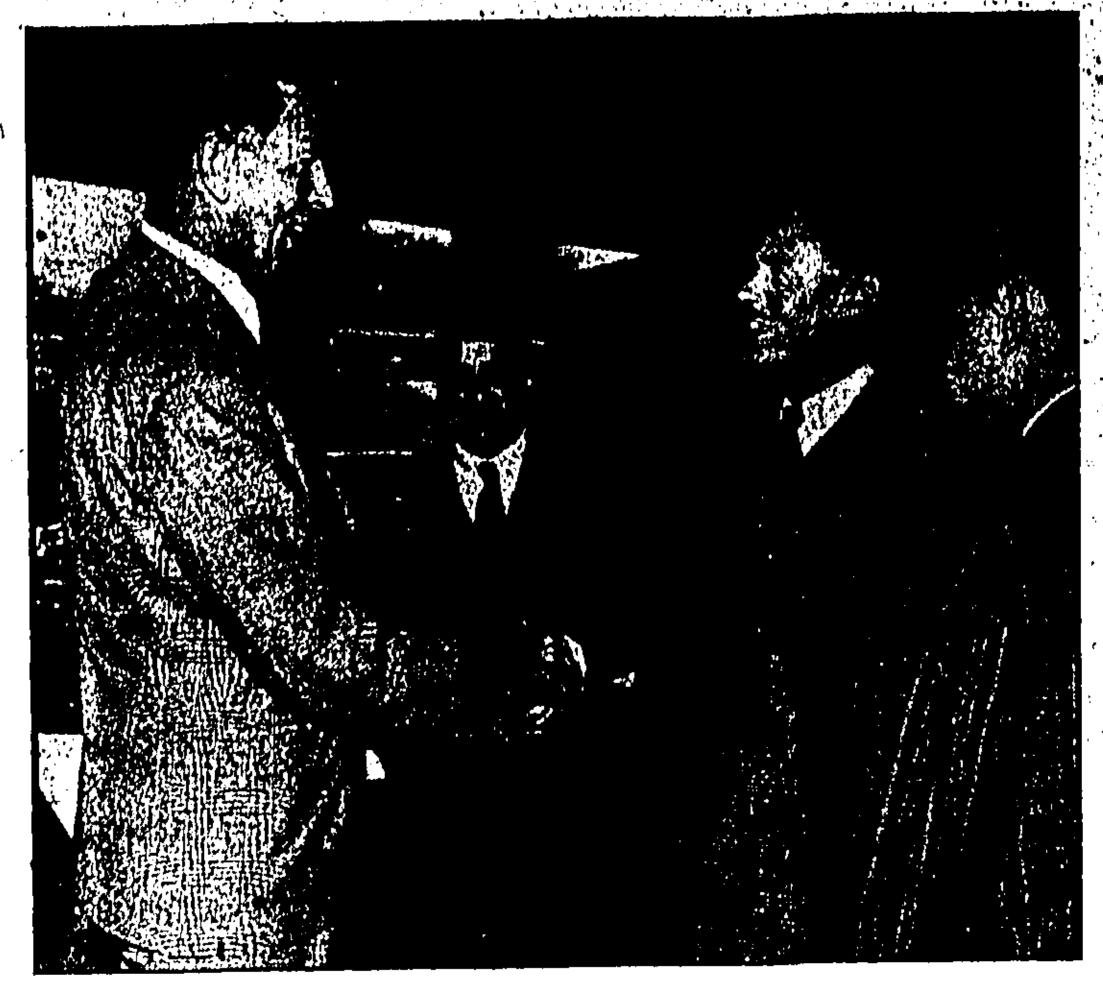
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THE former Director of Urban Services and Chairman of the Urban Council, Mr H. G. Richards, was seen off by a large number of friends when he left last week for Spain prior to retirement. His successor, the Hon. D. R. Holmes (right), saying goodbye to him. (Staff Photographer)







Valley last

Saturday. The

(Staff Photo-

graphor)

Tsai.

jockey

Robert

BELOW: The Commodore in-Charge, Commodore J. H. Unwin, inspecting Marine Police recruits at a passing-out parade at the Police Training School last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



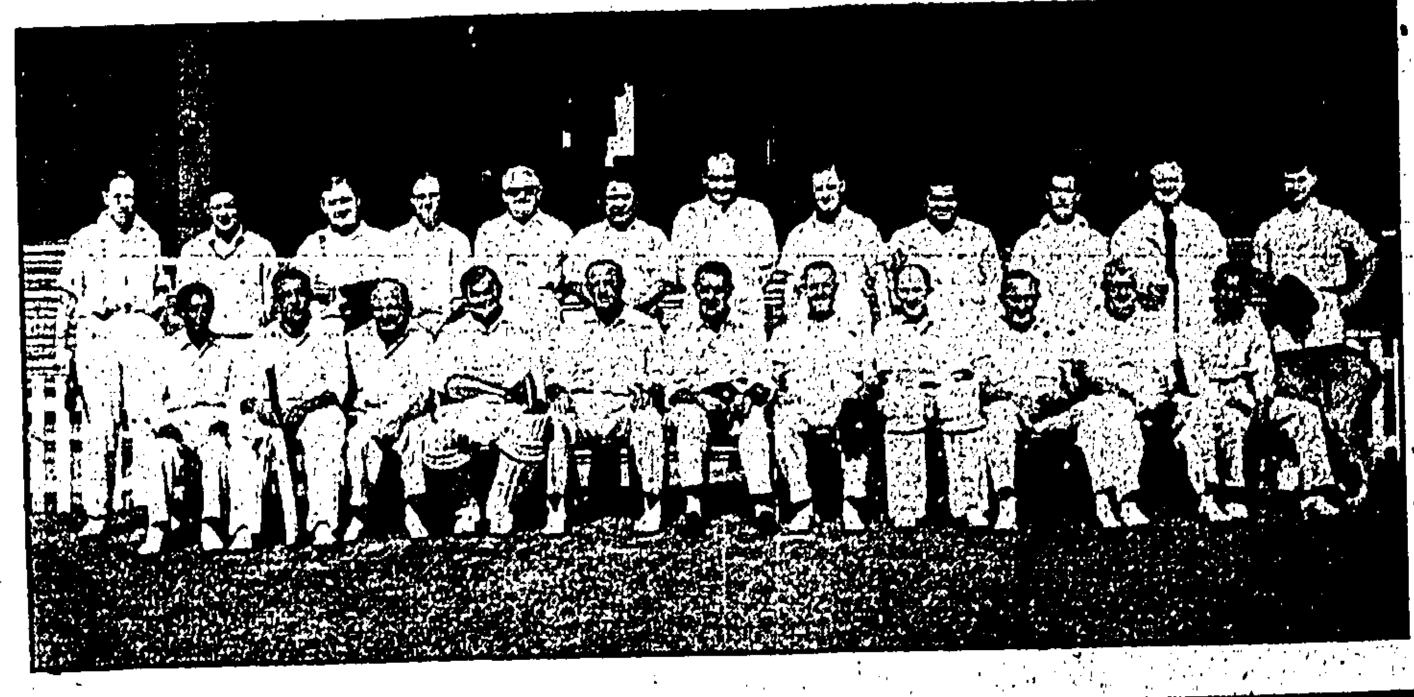
MAJOR G. G. Fowke (right), Military Assistant to the Commander, British Forces, who is leaving Hongkong soun for another post, admires a silver cigarette box presented to him by members of the Houshold Brigade Comrades Association as a farewell momento. (Staff Photographer)

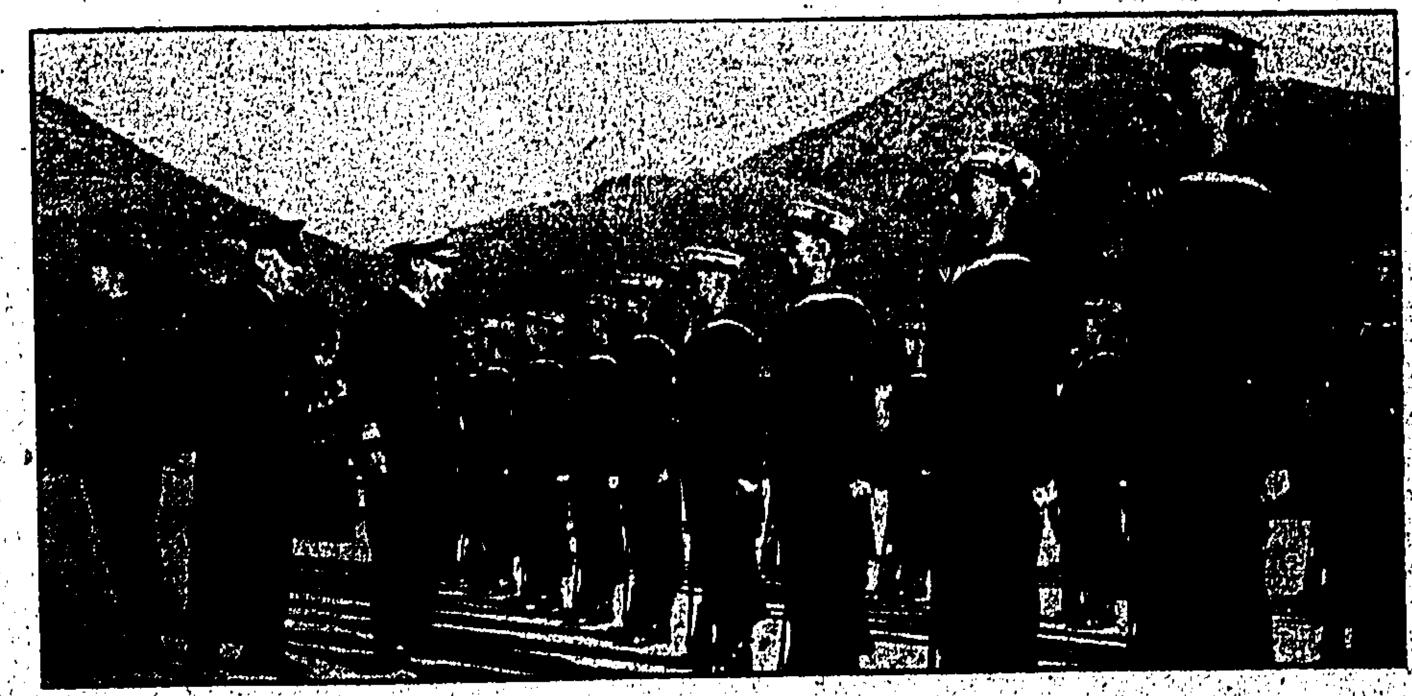


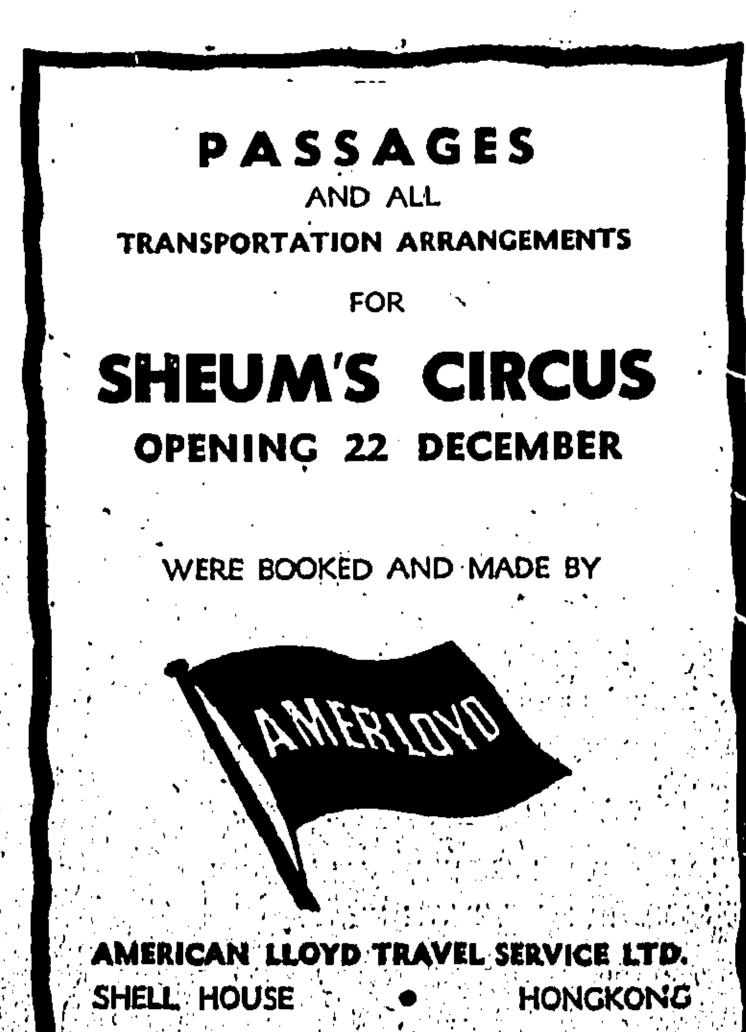
MR and Mrs Cheung Chan-hon and their son, Stewart.
Picture taken at the cocktail and dinner party given at the
Kam Ling Restaurant on the occasion of the baby's christening. (Staff Photographer)

MARY ANNE,
daughter of Mr and
Mrs F. A. Stanislaw,
celebrating her
second birthday with
some of her friends.
(Starlite Films)

RIGHT: Prewar
Hongkongites and
Old Shanghailanders,
who met in a friendly
game of cricket last
Sunday. The local old
timers won. (Staff
Photographer)

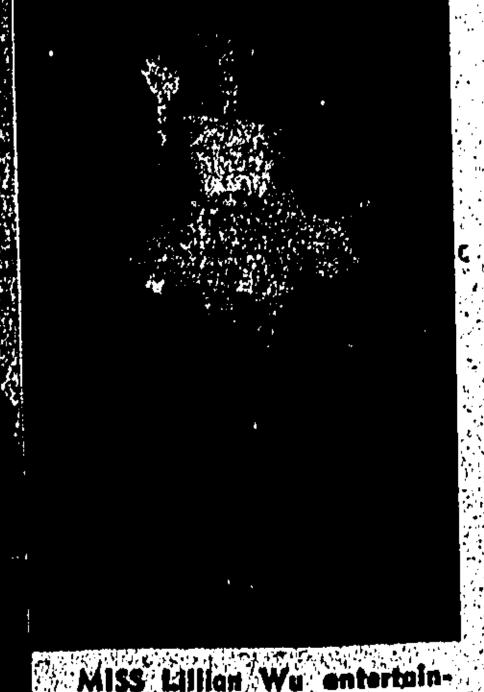






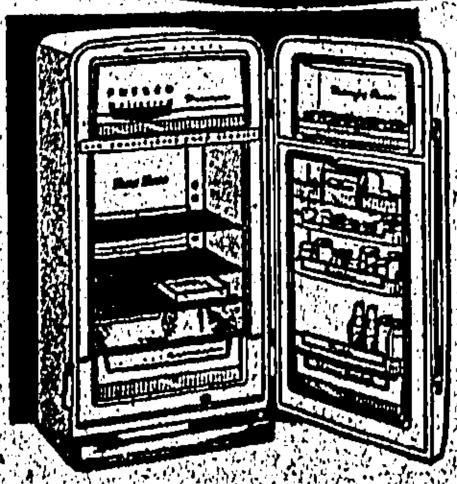
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MISS Lillian Wu entertaining at the Casam Club annual ball. Left: Two of the many parties. Top: Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg, Mrs. Leo D'Almada, Dr. the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues, Mrs. F. X. D'Almada, Mrs. Gregg, the Hon. Leo D'Almada, Mrs. A. M. Rodrigues, Bottoms Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mr. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mr. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mr. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mr. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mr. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. J. C. M. Gresham, Mrs. J. C. Field, Mrs. Y. O. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. Field, Mrs. J. C. Fi





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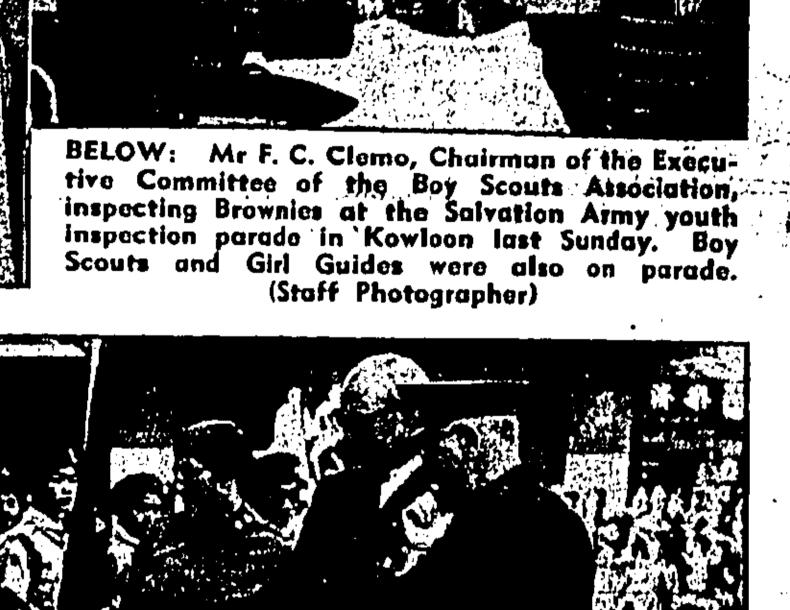
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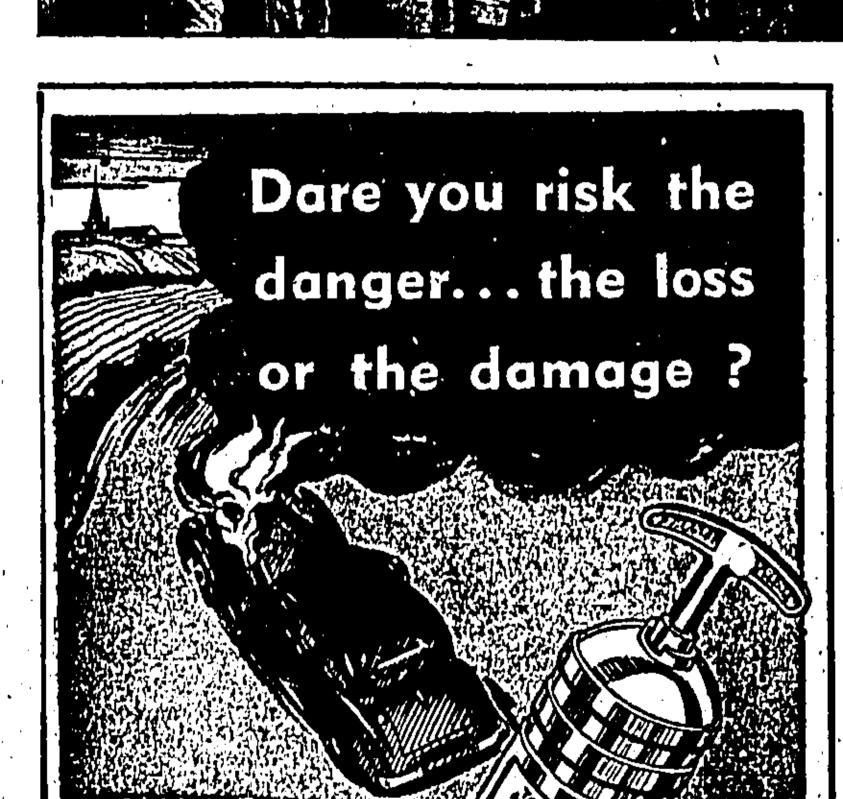


AT the opening of the 10th Hongkong International Salon of Photography, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, Patron of the Photographic Society of Hongkong, places the chain of office on Mr Francis Wu, the Society's President. Over 200 superb prints from 25 countries are on view. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Servicemen's Guides Volunteers' benefit held at the Ladies' Recreation Club in aid of the welcome centre at Fenwick Pier. Lady Grantham presenting first prize for bridge to Mrs Russell Neale. And on the right, Mrs F. S. Coote receives first prize for canasta. (Staff Photographer)







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ABOVE and at left are some of these who attended the Jaycees' 11th anniversary party at the Miramar Hotel. From left, above: Mr J. G. O'Donnell, Mrs A. de O. Sales, Mr Francis J. Chen, President of the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mrs Chen and Mr H. Brunger. (Staff Photographer)



AT the annual speech day of St Mary's School, Kowloon. Certificates being distributed by Mrs Anne Crozier, wife of the Director of Education. (Staff Photographer)



MR Alfred Hirchcock, internationally famous film director, entertained by local theatre operators at the Princess Garden Restaurant. He is being presented with a set of ivory chopsticks and other gifts.



AT the Kowloon Y's Men's Club installation ceremony on Wednesday. Mr L. E. Noren, the Club President, receives the gavel from Mr Lam Chik-suen, the International Director. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Magnificent costuming distinguished the enactment by local ladies of 12 famous Chinese beauties of history at the charity ball in aid of the Juvenile Care Centre;

Here is Miss Lily Tong as Hung Fat Nui, celebrated heroine of the later Sui and

FRIENDS of Mr and Mrs Robert Ames at the cocktail party which they gave to welcome their parents from California. The party was held at their residence at Repulso Bay.



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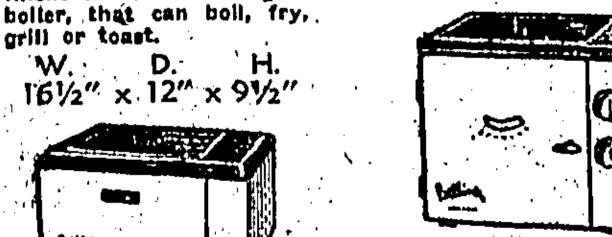
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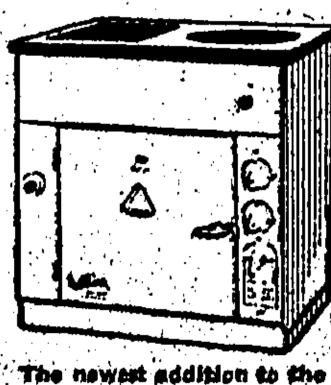
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RICE:-6 or 6 large green or red sweet peppers, I cupful or rice, onion, 2 or 3 tomatoes, 1/2

stock or water, salt. Out the top off the paprikas and remove the seeds. Cut one or two of them into strips. Cook in hot goose dripping with the chapped onlon, the peeled tomatoes and the rice, which should be moistened with a little water or stock. Cook till the rice is soft, mix in the sour cream and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring well. Stuff the paprikas with the mixture and

CARDINAL:-Rub about 1 lb. of lump sugar well with organge skin and put in a bowl with juice of 2 oranges, a cupful of pincapple juige, a bottle of white wine, and half a bottle of champagne, lee and serve

serve with rice.

GERMANY

STUFFED GOOSE'S NECK:--

Remove the fat from the inside of the goose's neck without piercing the skin and stuff the neck with: one finely chopped goose liver. 1/2 Ib. of uncooked pork, breadcrumbs, 1 egg, and pepper, all well mixed together. Sew each end of the neck up and fry in goose fat to a light brown colour. Serve cold. cut in slices.

HUNGARY

PORKOLT CHICKEN:-

1 chicken, jointed: 2 or 3 tablespoons of tomato puree, 1 or 2 large onions, 2 or 3 pimientos. I tablespoon of paprika, salt and a little water.

Sprinkle the joints of chicken with salt and let stand for 2 or I hours. Fry the chopped onion in a little lard and, when slightly browned, mixed in the tomato puree and season with salt and paprika. Put in the chicken, brown, add a little water, and simmer till the chicken tender. Garnish with sliced and previously cooked pimientos.

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and tsp. grated lemon rind

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Remove from fire and

strain. Measure one c. of

grains salt, thep, lemon juice and 2 thep, granulated

sugar, mixing well.

Reheat to serve.

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aromatic, steaming, for Add to 2 qts. sweet cider and simmer for 10 min. Strain

spirit, the ideal accompani- Serve at once. Serves 4 to 6.

cinnamon, 2 tsp. whole thep crystalised ginger.

By Alice Denhoff

drinks, cinnamon and grating of nutmeg.

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To serve 4 to 6, heat 2 tsp.

each powdered - cloves, cinne-

through cheesecloth and reheat.

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2 lbs. of apples, the white of 2 or 3 eggs, 6 tablespoons of Dry and air all the washing In a Jiffy — a boon to

CERVE

cookies.

to serve 4 to 6.

flour. Mix dough well. Cover

and set aside in warm place

until double its bulk. Then

smooth. Cut in half. Mould

grease loaf pans. Cover with a

heavy towel and set aside until

double in bulk. Brush with

for an hour, or until it is gold

brown and shrinks from the

FRANCE

One turkey, weighing about

oil, a sprig of thyme, 1 small

spices, salt and pepper.

bayleaf, a pinch of mixed

Wash and pecl the truffles,

if fresh. (Tinned truffles are

Bake in moderate oven (350) oil.

citron, raisins, Knead

with coffee or wine.

the French cook It.

beaten egg.

sugar, a little lemon juice, sliced Dirsolve yeast in milk. Add to fresh fruit and whipped cream. mixture alternately with sifted

Bake the apples till very soft, remove peel and core, and rub the pulp through a sieve. When toss on floured board and add quite cold, add this pulp gradually to the whites of eggs, beaten to a very stiff snow with into loaves and put in two the sugar and lemon juice. Put on a glass dish and garnish with slices of trult and whipped

ITALY

pint sour cream, goose dripping. FRIED CHICKEN FLORENTINE:-

> tablespoons olive off tablespoons lemon juice 1/4 tenspoon salt

% teaspoon pepper tenspoons chopped parsley . 31/2 lb. frying chicken, cut into TRUFFLED TURKEY:--

cups flour egg lightly beaten 1 1/2 cups olive oil for frying

Make a marinade of oil, lemon juice, salt, pepper and the supper after Christmas Mid- pan and drain on a colander. parsley. Pour over chicken in night Mass. a casserole and let stand for about 2 hours, turning occasionally. Then take chicken out of 8 lb. after trussing, 11/4 lb. of flour pork fat, 2 lb. of truffles, 4 marinade, dry well, tablespoons of brandly, 3 of thoroughly, dip into beaten egg and fry in deep olive oil for Madeira, 2 tablespoons of salad

about 15 minutes. Serves four,

SWITZERLAND

SWISS ALMOND PASTE:-

1/2 pound blanched almonds. 1/2 pound fine sugar, 3 egg yolks, tablespoon rose water, tablespoon Kirsch.

dry. Cut into small pieces, or salad bowl, with the brandy, next Saturday. Grind together almonds and sugar. Gradually add water and Kirsch. Grind again. Place in a bowl and blend in egg yoiks, one at a time. Beat until smooth. Store in airtight jar and use us needed. It makes pleasant pastry filling, and is soft enough to decorate cakes.

NORWAY

CHRISTMAS CAKE:-

A rich fruit bread — without which no table is complete a Christmas.

% cup sugar, 1/2 lb. softened lukewarm milk, 1 pound sifted flour, 1 cup chopped citron, cup seedless raisins.

Beat sugar and butter i large bowl, until well blended. Best eggs and cardamon and add to the sugar and butter,

©O you're in for it again! Oonquered by tradition, by the need to return a score of invitations, or

give another children's party.

either a wow or a flop - no halfway house. given in my life as a mother, one flop and five wows I claim to know the secret of the thing. You must treat it as a military operation. Dragoon your little guests.

are the words of doom.

PERFECT YOUR PLANS are too excited to esst much: many days before the day. (You older ones gobble, are Monigomery, and this is Alamein.)

their youth and strength.

Mix in large saucepan, and let For a party of 24, children forgetting that children mature. is a good choice, the recipe simmer for 10 min., 1 gallon you will need four to six adults The children who were tickled sweet cider, 11/2 lb. brown sugar, who know they have come to pink by a conjurer when they 6-in. stick cinnamon, ½ tsp. work. Turn down the well-were five will die of ennul now salt, one blade mace, thep each meant offers of aunts, god-they are six. whole cloves, whole allspice, 2 mothers and grannles, who want to watch the fun. Having to bo polite to them is a distraction Truys hould come on with the you can't afford.

time-table, and stick to it.

last split second. Personally, I sherry only. I once found my think a short, sharp party is husband mixing a different gin this spice infusion and add juice from 2 10-oz, tins and also think a short, sharp party is husband mixing a different gin to 8 c. apricot nectar, few 1/2 c. orango juice. Reheat but better than a three-hour test of drink for each parent, which endurance,

pinch of mixed spices and let them stand in this while the pork fat is being prepared.
Cut the fat in small pieces,

pound in a mortar, and warm slightly. Then run through a sieve, with the pounded peelings from the truffles. Now put in a saucepan, on a slow fire and, when it is just melted, add the truffles and sauce. Mix well and remove. When cold and set, stuff the turkey with the mixture. Roast the turkey, basting with melted butter or

SPAIN

sides of the pan. Remove from the oven and cool in pans. KIDNEYS SAUTES WITH Serve with or without butter SHERRY:-

A few lamb's kidneys, i tumbler of sherry a little lard, 1 teaspoon of chopped parsley, small triangular croutons of fried bread, salt and pepper.

Remove the fat and skin from Maybe we should include the kidneys, slice them and cut turkey after all - but the way in small pieces. Cook on a brisk are in a little lard, sea-Truffled turkey is a famous soning with salt and pepper. dish served at the Reveillon, In 3 to 4 minutes remove from Put the sherry in a frying pan and reduce by half. Cook the kidneys in this sauce for a few minutes. Put on a hot dish, sprinkle with chopped parsity. and garnish with the croutons.

KNITTING AND CROCHET SERIES

There are no knitting and ready for use). Take two or three of the largest ones, cut in crochet patterns on today's thin slices, and slip under the page, as this is a special Christskin of the breast of the bird, mas issue. Both series, how-Cut the remaining truffles to ever, will resume their regular Make sure almonds are very quarters. Put them in a basin appearance on Page 12 as from

Make The Children's

butter, 2 whole eggs, 2 egg simply by the persuasive yolks, 1 tablespoon ground genius of your little ones cardamon, 2 ounces yeast, 1 cup when they're out to get something you've agreed to

CHOOSE YOUR STAFF for over six.

suggest 4:30 tea, 5.00 entertainment or games, 5.45 ice cream. TIME YOUR PARTY to the

early. You should all be ready, with hair brushed, ribbons Med, etc., 15 minutes in advance.

We always give each great a balloon on arrival (some Common and nutmer, 2 then, sugar manders prefer to give them on and ten cherry flavoured gelatin departure). Get 38% percent in 2 c. water. When boiling, extra to allow for bursts.

assault to start at 5.00—tea won't spin out for more than half an hour. Young children

At 5.00 comes the main entertainment-and it had better be good. If you are rich and lazy you will have a conjurer, pup-pet show or film show-deilnitely a film show for children Don't fall into the trap of

At 5.45 a lot should happen.

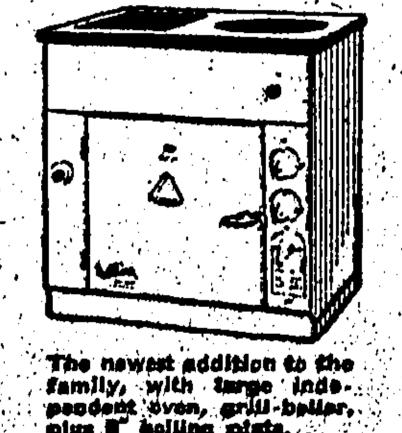
ice-cream. More trays should Your helpers must know your come on with a present for each guest. And the door-bell-should For a 3.45 to 6.00 p.m. party, I start ringing as perents come to

Offer the parents sherry and for gotting taxis.

GET-YOUR FOOD SUPPLIES ready by 2 o'clock at the latest. And keep the food simple.

Few children: like elaborate

(I) am not usually a purveyo





and one of grape juice.

Speed departing guests with a line children can join on a les you need a programme of games that children can join on a les you need a programme of games that children can join on a les you need a programme of games that children can join on a les you need a programme of games that children can join on a les you need a programme of games to hour and join on a les you need a programme of games to hour and join on a les you need a programme of games to hour and join on a les young children can join on a les young children and young children on a less young children can join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less young children can join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of the programme of games to hour and join on a less you need a programme of the programme of the prog



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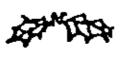


CHRISTMAS STORY V SEASONABLE By JOHN PUDNEY

antlers of the deserted club house, Blinch gazed out at Decomber mist. Blinch was not giving a lesson, Andrew out there in the mist?" an active bore. He was a man lost in a world obsessed with such things as economics, social services and domestic festivity. He this, and will pay the price for had never been the cause of it ...! any event. He remained passively uneventfully, pervasively a bore. A golf bore at that.

His lonely fingers drubbed the glass. his soilory mind played over the sixteenth hole, rehearsing the story he might tell about it if some blessed chance sent him an audience. The only sound in the humid void of Doverley Park Golf Club that Christmas Eve; however, was the clock acquainting Blinch with the impossibility of play-

He raised his eyes wistfully towards the near-distant coquetry of the flag on the first green. Then a thousand accoles of surprise pricked his being. Andrew Beltane, the Club Professional, was out there giving a lesson. A lesson on Christmas Eve?



WET it certainly was Andrew, haggy as ever in his pelt of tweed, ignoring the mist, demoneurating with a wooden dub, concentrating as usual upon the left arm swing.

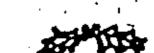
momentarily-into a conviction piness? that he could play golf with the gods. But where was the pupil? Stare as he might, a game for the morrow, even if Blinch could only see the squat it were Christmas Day, when so furry figure of Andrew in all many members were preocthe wide green invitation of the cupied. He must prove to his course. Blinch so far forgot own satisfaction that his eyes himself as to come out on the did not deceive him. He would verandah to wave and even to play a steady game, a little less

pointing out features of the partner? course, pausing from time to time to demonstrate a swing, he walked solltarily out of sight round a bluff.

Blinch stepped back into the club house. There were no witnesses. None but the garlanded amlers to whom he could appeal to substantiate what he had man, moderate in his tastes. temperate in his habits. His pure about the excuses of them all. sult of happiness, day by day, at Doverley Park was, believed, a healthy quest,

never got the better of his judg- last resort, he might pay the ment. He exercised it reasonably prescribed fee and hire the comin describing to fellow-members the ups and downs of games he had played. He never let it overstep the mark. He was angry because anger was the only weapon with which he could combat the inexplicable

Either his eyes had deceived him or Andrew Beltane, that oracular dwarf, that custodian of wrong with this fellow, for his ethics, that ultimate judge of first words were: "I was wonhuman performance, had gone dering, Sir, whether you would off his head.



CHOULD: Secretary, or telephone the Chairman of the Committee, or perhaps worn the Steward? Skilled though he was in the wellfounded complaint, the nicely-sparkling game, Sir..." The chair. He is hidden by the timed protest, by which his name had become dreaded by all these officials, Blinch wis at a loss Suppose Andrew was snug in the professional's shop, browing his dark brown ten, conning the subtleties of a new wooden club?

Blinch had always taken firm line on visions. He pulled 66 TEVER mind," Blinch himself together, thought of an excuse shout a new strap for his bag, and hastened through the shrubberies. Andrew Beltane was not in his den. That "Hdd a lesson with him this settled it. Blinch gratefully put morning, as a matter of fact, behind him all thoughts of Ran over the wooden clubs to-magic, and returned, humming gether. Go on, Sir, you were Beltane was not in his den. That loudly - until he met Beltane saying outside the club house.

"Ah." he said, looking down Blinch beused sevouring the at-

beneath the "Is it likely you'll be needing h o l l y - garlanded it this side of Christmas, Mr

> unfortunately Though I thought I saw you

> "That was business, not pleasure, Mr Blinch. If a very keen gentleman invists upon having himself instructed on a day like

NDREW shook himself with A a stumpy grandeur not wholly of this world. Blinch felt that he was in the presence of an individual who from time to time took his dark brown tea with the gods, That was how he was intended

"And I might mention, Mr Blinch, that my task is not made ing a round before the light any easier by members halling me from the club house."

> Andrew shook moisture from his cap-that heather-coloured fantasy of tweed which befitted only a deity of the Game. He turned away majestically.

> "But," cried Blinch, couldn't for the life of me see any pupil."

> scowl of Andrew Beltane, close to, was in a strunge way benign, "Then perhaps you haven't yet the gift of really seeing, Mr Blinch. A gift of the gods, that is, for such a one as yourself

Blinch was left clone with this thought. Suppose his eyes had in fact, decrived him? Suppose he was doomed to be Blinch could imagine every unable to follow the enigmatic word of his discourse, talking vagaries of the ball which the pupil momentarily — so embodied so much of his hap-

At all costs, he must arrange than his best perhaps. Suill- distant figure of Blinch with ciently good to be worth dis- satisfaction, "He's doing fine," Andrew Beltane glanced up, cussing afterwards, to be re- he murmured, half to the and even at that distance his tailed in his favourite corner of private audience of scowl conveyed a message of the lounge hole by hole with thoughts, half to the occupants awesome disapproval of the the corroboration of a pariner of the verandah. "I reckon Interruption. Then talking, within hailing distance. A that's the perfect gift...."

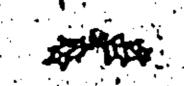
telephoned II Smythe and even Jones, the undertaker, who did not mind a game in the afternoons when seen. Had he seen it? Blinch re- there were no funerals. He was garded himself as a sensible philosophical-because he had been a bore for a long time-

He returned to his vigil by the windows in the club house and for twenty minutes watched His imagination, he hoped, the mist, resolving that, as a pany of Andrew Beltane for a round. His fingers were drubbing upon the glass again when the personable stranger thidressed him.

> The fellow moved respectfully and spoke of the Game keenly. There was nothing care to play a few holes during the holiday period. I thak," he added, with the optimism of the Really Keen, "the weather will hold."

> "I was considering going out certainly," Blinch said, swallowing hard, looking stern in order to conceal his eagerness.

shifted his feet



saying to Beliane-you know, he's our pro here

Game's the thing, I said. tentivename of his priving act one put a successor of business.

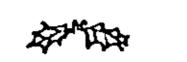
Then his words began to fall patiently, like rain.

They played off together on Christmas Day. They played, both of them, steady games. They were well matched, Blinch talked and the stronger listened. Blinch found that his eyes were all right. Indeed they served him so well that he was soon able to catch up with his happiners. And how his putling improved! He always referred to it afterwards not as Christmas Day but as the day his putting improved.

The stranger, it seemed, would be staying in the neighbourhood for some time. Blinch felt that it would be impolite to tax him for details of his visit, and the stranger volunteered none. Blinch suggested that they might sit around, later on when they came in, and have a good chat. The stranger agreed so readily that Blinch, as they sauntered through the mist, treated him to the story of his win in the 1939 Competition.

.It was while he was in the middle of this that one of the members who had come in for n Christmas drink, went to borrow the Secretary's field-

"Something most odd about Blinch. Come and have a look,"



THE field-glasses passed from hand to hand. There was no doubt about it. Blinch was telling one of his better-known stories. He was also facing up to his ball with a deliberation reserved for opponents he respected. Yet he was, without a shadow of a doubt, alone.

"I'ean tell from here that it's that story about his win in the 1939 Competition."

"Even without the glasses, I can see that Blinch is making a very keen game of it. He never plays like that unless ho is happy."

Andrew Beltane, wheeling his bike across the gravel below, paused and regarded the

But he rode off before anyone could challenge his cryptic comment.

Nobody spoke as Blinch approached voluble with anecdote, after sinking a long putt with masterly skill on the last green. They stood aside to let him through into the club house. They nodded their embarrasment to his cheery "Merry Christmas, people. A splendid round!"

They failed in their routine hilarity ofter that. From time to time, one of them would tiptoo towards Blinch's special corner, behind the screen where he was wont to herd his victims. Each time the report came back that Blinch was still



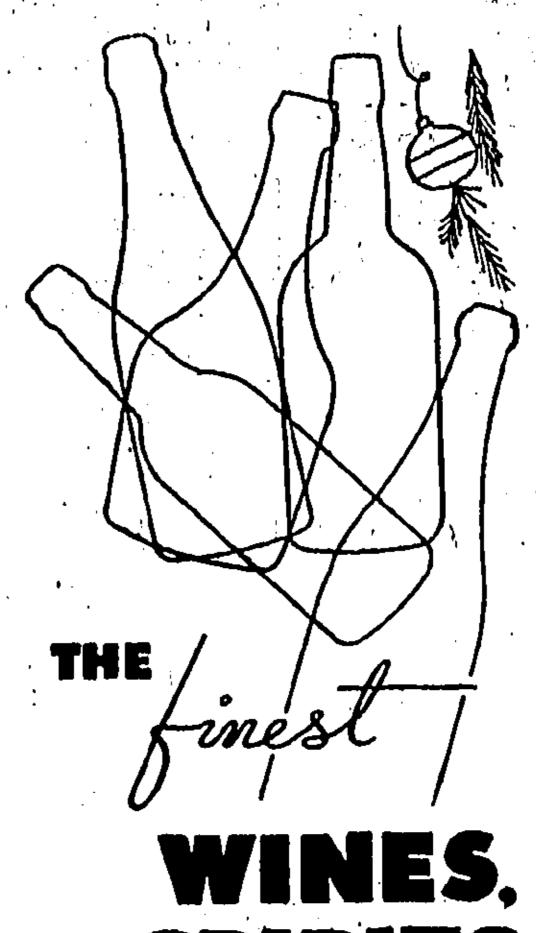
IN the New Year, the Committee - passed a resolution which, alas for the students of golf history, was considered to be too eccentric to be recorded in the minutes. The gist of it was that Blinch's new friend was elected an Honorary Member of Doverley Park Golf

It was in inspired decision, applauded to this day. Nearly every afternoon, Blinch meets his friend for a game. Nearly every evening, he moves into "Can't offer you a very his corner beside the empty screen which the Committee exactly the right gesture of for the greater comfort of the Honorary Member, crused to be drawn more discreetly across the corner than the been formerly. The orrangement is the only

remarkable finiture of Doverley

Park. To visitors, the solitary figure of Blinch is pointed out en a natural hozard. Already many of the members have almost forgotten his prodigious achievements as a boro. And, lest Blinch's gift should flag or falter, that cumning old troll Andrew Beltane occasionally gives w brief losson in front of the club house whitew to the Honorary Merry beer The little graden charges nothing .- Trolle stever do.

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Small amount of Clark's "Anchor" Stranded Cotton body in black and white.

1 reel Coats Satinised along the straight edge, No. 40 to match each Felt. PATTERNS:

1 sq. -1 in.

X marks position

Pattern A—Body—Cut 2

Pattern C-Ear-Cut 2

Pattern D—Saddle—Cut

grey felt.

B

Solid spots mark edge to notch at back, along back,

Pattern B-Under Body stitch all remaining edges

-Cut 2 pieces from grey together except base of

notch.

approximately 1/2 in loops: Cutloops and trim neatly. 7. Make a small tuck at

rounded end of each ear and sew in position. 8. Lay red saddle on to the black saddle, centres matching

9. Place saddle over the trils and eyeballs with satin stitch using black stranded donkey's back (as in photo-

and allo stitch in position. 1. Embroider the noscotton. Embroider the eyes tion. with white stem stitch and



THE YEAR

3. Lay the two body Make these from diagram sections together edges even and stab stitch edges from writers: What was the best do this, it is my turn. You paid funny story you heard this

> ANSWERS below. THE best 1955 Sam A has, at great expense,

from Wardour Street.

Goldwyn was making a film with the working title "Woman Chases Man," and was running into difficulties with the script. He went to a top agent and said: "Who is the best writer you have available?"

The agent, flipping through a list, said: "Eddie Shotoroff is free-excellent man, Oscar winper and all that." Goldwyn brought Shotoroff from New York to Hollywood, gave him a three-hour dinner, talked about the script and at the ond Shotoroff said: "No, I can't do it-the story is awful."

Goldwyn said: "Nonsense—sit down again." Three hours later Shotoroff got up and, said: "Nothing can make this story any better. I won't do it at all -at any price," and returned to Now York.

A year later the film was offers his services. shown. It was a failure. The year after that Goldwyn began says Blank. "Not on your life," a scriptwriter.

over head and down to front Eddie Shotoroff was suggested. Goldwyn hesitated, then said: "Shotoroff, Shotoroff-that 4. Stuff head very firmly name is familiar. I've heard it the recruit, with kapok and insert before." Long pause, then "Nothing left but violently: "How dare you sugthen," says Blank. gest I use Shotoroff again? He swim, young man?" position, with straight edge was associated with one of my "What do you mean in line with notches. Stab worst failures."

legs. Continue stuffing body firmly and stab stitch foot pads in position.

TARGET for France's 1955

Tokes is an imaginary nouveau-riche lovely but vapid girl called Marie-Chantal and her family.

Marie-Chantal and her father, 2 pieces (1 from outer 5. Cut 12 lengths of black the baron, and her uncle, the shape in black felt, 1 from soft embroidery thread, each 6 in. long. Lay them all together and fold in half. Attach in position just above the rear count, are strolling past the husbands' salaries, and add five flugge glittering showrooms of the friends."

Foot pads—Cut 4 circles notch.

Finally, the best 1955 advice that one home this afternoon," Her father walks in and asks: 6. Thread a needle with two

strands of black soft embroidery "How much, cash down?"
thread and oversow across head The uncle the count, bustles and down back neck, leaving forward. "No, no, indeed," ha

A DVERTISING executive who

A Goldwyn story came purchased one minute on commercial TV: "Quick, darling, my commercial is just coming on."
To which his wife replies: "Just a minute, darling." A MERICANS are laughing at

the Psychiatrist Story of 1955. A leopard went to his psychiatrist and complained: Every time I look at the wife I see spots before my eyes." The psychiatrist gave him a quizzical look: "Well-you're a

"Sure, sure, I know," said the leopard-"but I married a

MERMANS have started

I laughing about their new Wehrmacht A sample joke which is going the rounds:-A recruit presents himself to Defence Minister Blank and

"How about the infantry?" work on a new film and wanted says the recruit. "No jackboot marching for me.". "How about the Luftwaffe, then?" says Blank,

"Flying's too dangerous," says "Nothing left but the navy, then," says Blank. "Can you

"What do you mean, swim?" says the recruit. "Aren't they going to give us any ships?"

WOMEN of 1955, by French playwright Marcel Achard: "Women have a passion for mathematics. They divide their ages by two, double the price of their dresses, troble their

to the after-dinner storyteller: The whale is never harpooned until it gets up

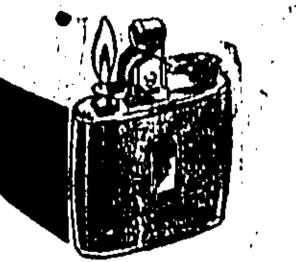




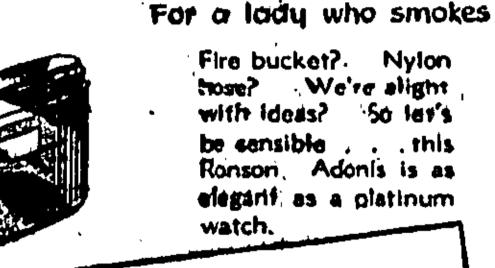
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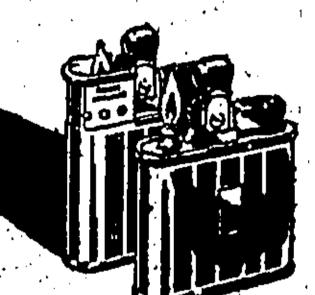
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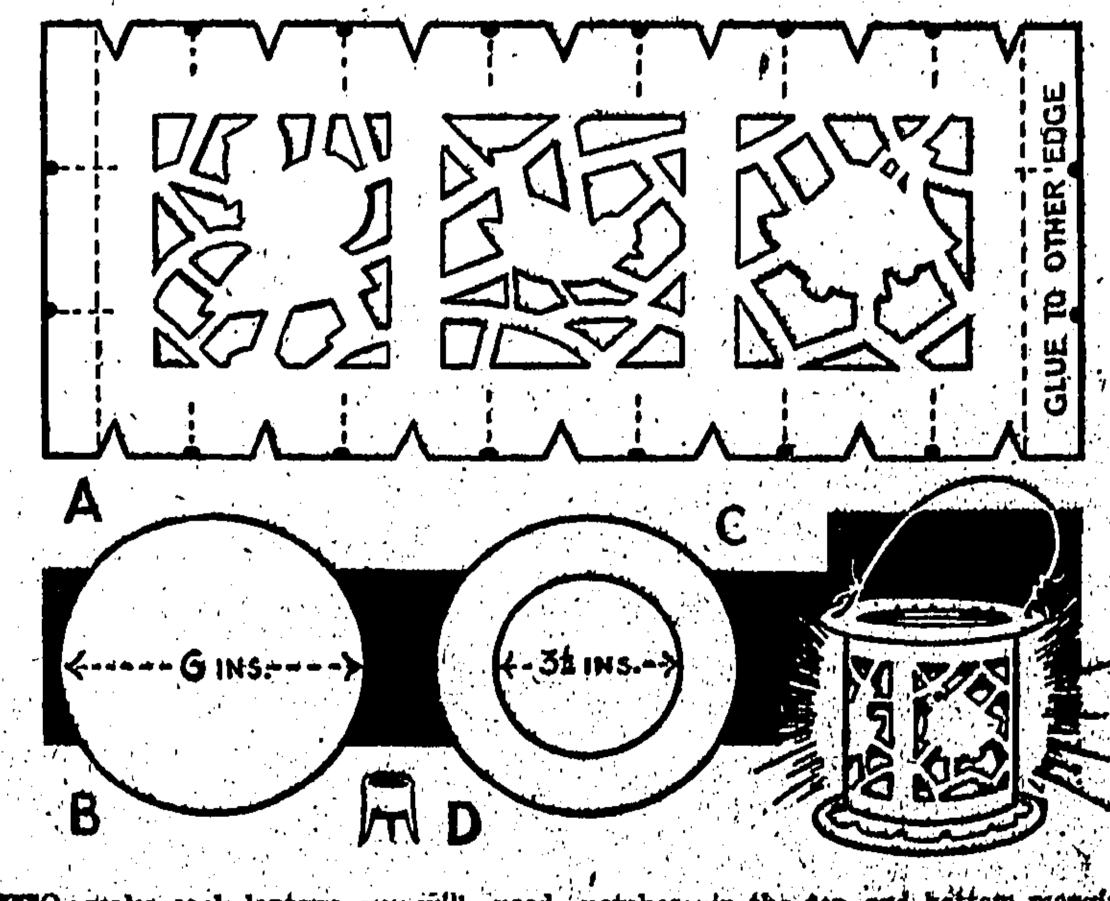
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First of all, rule lines joining the dots on the diagram. Then, give a piece of metallic paper, 15%2" by 6%4", to a

some lightweight card, gold metalife of the card, as shown. Roll the card into a cylinder shape, with the metallic Here, the lantern design is shown in notched pleces outwards. Glue the two edges of the card together.

Two circles of card, each six inches in diameter, form the base and top sections of the lantern. A circle, 31/4 across, is out from the top section, as shown at C. so that you are left with a ring of case. Cover these parts with nietallic paper, and the a Christmas water Discussion perpent the same size. Copy and bottom sections and where he discussed the fact that design square by sequence of to the same serious and where the discussion card.

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morrow evening at nine o'clock

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12.30 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMABY.

1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-

Charles Williams and his Or-

HOIPITAL.

PRESENTED

1.30 MASTERS OF MELODY.

The Music of Roger Quilter, FORCES PROGRAMMES.

3.00 OLD TIME BALLROOM.

With , Sydney Thompson

4.00 THIRTY MINUTES THEATER

Produced by Charles Lefeaux.

AMSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Commentary from Club Ground.

"The Chain". A play for radio

of 860 kilocycles per second).

from Radio Hongkong.

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2.00 STUDIO:

JEAN.

TURRELL.

his Orchestrs.

Crockett.

Then there is a Christmas | programme with a cash prize edition of "Take It From Here" of \$80, presented every Friday on Friday, in which the tables ovening at 6.30 by "Jean," will are turned on Edwards, when be interested to know that no the explosive present he pur- one has won the coveted \$30 chased for Bentley goes off in this week. his car. Alma Cogan, as usual, provides the liquid notes, and the programme abounds with Christmas cheer.

Other programmes with flavour are "Sleigh Ride"...a journey into melody for the festive senson-with Robert Farnon and his Orchestra, at lunchtime on Tuesday and, for those who enjoy the quieter moments of Christmas, "Music by Candlelight" offers half an hour of gentle, soothing music uninterrupted by announcements, played by the Leighton Lucas orchestra, on Friday evening. A local orchestral contribution is provided by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra, whose Christmas Concert at the Ritz tomorrow evening is being recorded, and the first half can be heard by listeners to Radio Hongkong on Wednesday evening at half past eight.

"THIS WEEK"

There arrived in the Colony this week a new cultural attache for the United States Information Services. Wilfred Reade, who has been both press agent to a Hollywood film studio, and manager of the National Symphony Orchestra, is interviewed by David Lyttle.

Also in the programme, "This Week," which will be on the air at eight o'clock this evening. listeners may hear one of the BBC's most popular children's broadcasters, H.E. Todd, describing how he combines a useful hobby with his normal work as a businessman.

A new CID course has begun this week at the Police Training School, Abergeen, and Timothy Birch went out to interview some of the officers connected with training.

Listeners may remember Patricia Penn's work for Radio Hongkong before she left to become a studio manager at the BBC. This week she sent us a short despatch with a few pungent comments on the spirit 1232 MUSICAL SCRAPBOOK. of Christmas in West End shopping circles.

"MUSIC MAGAZINE"

tamorrow's edition of "Music Magazine" at 12.15, the distinguished violinist, Maurice Clare, will be interviewed by Peter Sharp. In addition, the Rev. Fahter T. F. Ryan, S. J., talks about Classical Christmas Music, and Eric O'Noil Show Modern discusses Carols. "Music Magnzine" is compiled and produced by Peter Sharp.

MOIRA SHEARER

triumphs of Mdira Shearer, the Scottish girl who became a star of the Sadlers Wells Ballet at Covent Garden, have not been confined, to the single medium of ballet.

She became world famous in the film "The Red Shoes", when proved herself beyond question to be an artist who could make the best of worlds: Ballot and Theatre.

On Thursday evening at nine o'clock, Radio, Hongkong is broadcasting a radio portrait of this ouchanting young artiste Moire Bhearen was written by Gale Pedrick and produced by Thurston Holland for the

"POPULARITY WOLL" The many listeners to Redio 6.00 TIME BIGNAL AND PRO-GRAMME BUMMARY.

STUDIO: UNIT REQUESTS Calling: 22 Indep. Platoon,

8.50 WEATHER REPORT.

7,00 TIME BIGNAL AND THE NEWS (LONDON RELAY).

2.15 THE HARMONY FIVE (RE-An Army Quintet from the 1st The Kirig's Own Royal Regiment.

7.10 STUDIO: "JUKE BOX PARADE" PRESENTED DY NICK KENDALL.

News, reports and interviews on some of the week's events in and out of Hongkong, Compiled by Timothy Birch.

8.30 CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT. Marals and Miranda.

DOO TIME SIGNAL SPORTS CAVALCADE. Edited by Brig Young Produced by John Wallnes. 9.30 HANCOCK'S BALF HOUR.

With Tony Hancock, Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James. 10.00 MUSIC FROM THE CHAM-Played by Ray Do Val and The

10.30 SATURDAY STORY "The Hecret" by A. Dodd. Read by Linda Roberts.

10.45 RADIO DANCE DATE. You do something to me-Tommy Dorsey and his Orch; I'm dancing tears in my eyes - Ralph Flanagan and his Orch, Harry Prime (vocal); Blue, turning grey over you-Gene Krupa and his Orch. Yesterdays -- Freddy Martin and his Orch; Blue Mirage-Ralph Marterie and his Orch, My truly, truly Fair -Vie Damone (vocal) with George Barsman's Orch; The Toon-Ager's Waltz-Eddy Howard and his Orch; Soven lonely days; Downhearted; Pretend - Guy Lembardo and his Royal Canadians with Kenny Gardner (vocal); Distancia-Roberto those last-minute Christmas ingles and his Orch; I love the way say goodnight—Doris Day (vocal); Wake the town and tell the people-Herbie Layne Orch, with vocal chorus; Twilight in Riq-Victor Silvester and the Silver Bollvin-Victor Silvester and the Silver Strings; Three O'clock in the morning-Victor Silvester

> 11.29 WEATHER REPORT. GOD BAVE THE QUEEN,

and the Ballroom Orch.

11.30 CLOSE DOWN. 4. No Arms Can Ever Hold

Sunday

10.00 a.m. TIME SIGNAL, PRO-GRAMME SUMMARY, NEWS, WEATHER REPORTS AND 6.30 TREASURE ISLAND. SPORTS RESULTS.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

6.39 p.m. 'Hancock'b iialf-

FGRCES FAVOURITES.

8.15 WE INVITE YOU TO A DATE

9.09 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

to 00 BIG BEN, BADIO NEWSREEL

10.45 PIANO MUSIC (RECORDS). 11.00 RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL, GREAT HRITAIN V. NEW

A commentary on the Third Test

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

8.30 p.m. A SERVICE OF CHRIST-

From St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Hig Wycombe, conducted by the Reverend Father

A Year of Hevolution; the moving

White Slavery: England wing the Ashes: Derby Day, 9.00 THE NEWS.

2.00 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

(Or When the Walves were run-ning) by John Manageld, Part 5: The Societ's Web. 10.00 BIG BEN. GLADIO NEWSREEL.

Pieno Concerto No. 23 in A (K.486)

Fifteen minutes of bright famile

MONDAY, DEC. 19

10.09. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

Julio Dawn sings her favourite

8,00 FROM THE WEEKLIKS

830 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.

10.09 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

10.15 'LIFE WITH THE LYONS.

9.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

Report from the West Country.

bour'.

7,00 THE NEWS.

D.OO THE NEWS.

ZEALAND.

match at Headingley.

Mas Music.

W. Bainbridge.

7.09 COMMENTARY,

D.15 FOR CHILDREN.

10.15 CONCERTO.

11.45 ACCORDION.

played by Martin Lukine.

4.20 DREE DANIELS

PRESENTED BY STEPHEN 11.15 'HANCOCK'S HALF-HOUR'S

7.15 SPORTS ROUND-UP

7.30 'EDUCATING ARCHIE'

Pitty Years Ago.

8.00 'SCRAPBOOK FOR 1905'.

libson Girl; Bernard Shaw

7,09 COMMENTARY.

7.15 SPORTS ROUND-UP.

WITH JULIE.

Blue Tango; Schuling Johann Strauss; Marching Strings; Dream of yesterday; The Waltzing Cat; Hera Staccato; Moonfeet; Bails; The Whistling Gypsy: Blue Violins; Piccadilly lice-Down-Ray Martin and his Concert Orch. 10.45 RELAY OF THE SERVICE

10.15 MORNING MELODY.

FRUM HOLY TRINITY H.M. Dockyard, Prescher: The Rev. W. J. Halp-Brown. 1.09 COMMENTARY (LONDON RE-LAY) OR SPECIAL AN-NGUNCEMENTS.

REV. W. S. DAIS-DAY-MUSIC OF THE PEOPLE. The BBC Midland Light

Orches&s. Conducted by Gilbert Vinter. 12.00 noon A SHORT BALLAD RECITAL BY MARJORIE LAWIBNCE. With pinno accompaniment,

Danny Boy; Doun the Burn; Annie Laurie; My Ain Folk. 12.15 p.m. MUSIC MAGAZINE.

Peter Sharp.

itev. Father T. F. Byan, S. J. talks about Classical Christmas B. O'Neil Shaw discusses Modern Carols. Maurice Clare gives an illusirated talk. STAGE AND SCREEN FAT OURITES. Table for two-Georges Guetary (vocal): I was never kissed before -Georges Guetary and Lizbeth (vocal); Noet Memories (Pt. 2)-Nocl Coward

cond. by Pierre Monteux. with the Cafe de Paris cond. by Sidney Simone, Hackforth (plano); The violin began to play-Vanessa Lee (vocal); With a Song in My Heart -Ray Martin and his Concert Orch: Granda-Mario Lanza; The Lord's Prayer-Mario Lanza (tener) with the Jeff Alexander Chair; Song of Barefoot Contessa-Charles Williams and his Concert Orch,

AND BPECIAL ANNOUNCE-MENTS. 1.25 SPORTS TIME. A Bummary of Baturday's Sport by Brig Young.

1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT

1.35 HOSPITAL REQUESTS PRE-SENTED BY BRENDA. 2.30 AFTERNOON CONCERT. Your Radio Concert

Jerome Hines (Bass-Baritone) With Howard Barlow and the Chorus and Orchestra. 3.00 JOURNEY INTO SPACE Written and produced Charles Chilton.

3.30 HOME REQUESTS PRESENT ED BY BRENDA. 4.30 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. Eastern v. South China. Commentary from Hongkong

Government Stadium. 510 VARIETY PANPARE. From the North of England.

6.00 TIME BIGNAL AND PRO-GRAMME BUMMARY. 6.03 FORCES' EVENING SERVICE. Conducted by the Rev. G. J. Stubbs-Bromley, D.A.C.Q., and the Forces Cheir Conducted by Major Hinde.

By Robert Louis Stevenson.

BBC Overseas Shortwave Programmes

(6.30 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. on 21.530 Mc/s, 13.93m and on 17.810 Mc/s, 16.84m)

7,00 THE NEWS.

9.00 THE NEWS.

D.45 ELGAR.

10.15 CAROLB.

7.09 COMMENTARY.

7.15 SPORTS REVIEW.

7.30 MUSIC FOR DANCING.

8.30 ENGLISH MAGAZINE.

9.15 THREE MEN'S MEAT.

Three Bavarian Dances.

11.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

7.15 BPORTS ROUND-UP.

7.10 PORCES' FAVOURITES.

Directed by Henry Krein.

SAS ULBTER MAGAZINE.

19.45 MUSIC MAGAZINE.

the secies by A. P. Ryan.

AM DANCE MUSIC.

240 COMMENTARY

7,15 SPORTS ROUND-UP.

ENGLAND, ESSEX.

7.00 THE NEWS.

8.00 MONTMARTRE PLAYERS.

8.15 A CHRISTMAS COMMISSION. An allegorical play in verse by

9.09 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

"The Music of Fibich," by Andrew

10.00 BIG BEN. RADIO NEWSREEL, 10.00 BIG BEN. RADIO NEWSREEL, 10.00 PROGRAMME SUMMARY, 10.15 TAKE IT FROM HERE

Porter: 'Double Anniversary: Casals and Tertis,' by John Warrack.
11.00 COMMONWEALTH OF SONG.

11.45 THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

7.25 REPORT FROM BOUTH-MAST

7.10 THE FRANKIE HOWERD

3 Relationships. The last talk

7.25 FIVE MINUTES

11.45 BCIENCE REVIEW.

By Arthur Waley.

7.00 THE NEWS.

7.09 COMMENTARY.

FARMERS.

Morvyo Feake.

and

BOO. THE NEWS.

8.15 CONTINENTAL CAMARET.

9.09 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

Memorable Christmas experiences

n unlikely pieces are described by

George Lowe. Colonel F. Spencer Chapinan, D.S.O. Edward Allcard.

10.00 BIG BEN, RADIO NEWSREEL

10.45 PROM THE THIRD PRO-

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

6.30 p.m. COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

GRAMME: '8 O M E EASTERN DREAMS'.

10.09 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

Part 2-The Voyege. 7.00 TIME BIGNAL AND THE NEWS (LONDON RELAY) 7.09 COMMENTARY (LONDON RE-LAY) OR RECIAL AN-NOUNCEMENTS.

7.15 NEWS SUMMARY.

OF STORDAHL

0.00 CLOSE DOWN.

12.10 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

12.32 DOUBLE ATTRACTION.

Al Martino (vocal), Ethel Smith

(Organ) with Rhythm Accomp.

1.00 TIME SIGNAL. THE STRINGS

1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-

1.30 LONDON STUDIO CONCERT. The BBC Northern Orchestra,

6.00 TIME SIGNAL AND PRO-

408 "FOR THE CHILDREN" PRE-

SENTED BY ELIZABETH.

6.45 "BOX 200" BERT GILLETT

1.00 TIME SIGNAL AND THE NEWS (LONDON RELAY).

7.09 CUMMENTARY (LONDON RK-

LAY) OR SPECIAL

ivor Mairants Guillat Group.

that with Ursula Bulmer,

A Hongkong married couple

Fred Waring and the Pennsyl-

A weekly magazine devoted to

Donnis Lotis, Kathy

Edited and introduced by Janet

Lloyd, Bobbia Britton.

BEATEN TRACK.

PIANO ACCOMP

rubacori (Pieraccini).

10.00 GYPSY MALODIES.

0.45 BEDSIDE BOOK.

U.59 WEATHER REPORT.

RELAY)

Orchestra.

11.30 CLOSE DOWN.

D.00 TIME SIGNAL. OFF THE

9.39 PIANO RECITAL BY ANNA

TONG (CONCERT HALL).

May Night (Selin Palmgren);

(Donaudy): More, Elisa, lo stanco

poeta (Verdi); Stornello (Verdi); Girometta (Sibella); Beppino

Lajos and his Hungarian Orch.

(f're-Christmas Edition)

Dick Bentley and

Edwards with Wallas

Alma Cogan, June Whitfield.

"Uncle Bilas" by Sheridan Le

REEL (RECORDED LONDON

Repeat of last Wirday's broadcast.

Read by Cynthia Nixon, Episode

11.00 TIME SIGNAL, BADIO NEWS

Mademoiselle de Paris; My prayer; Vous Qui Passez Sans Me Voir;

Boom; Ca C'est Paris; J'Attendral;

GUD BAVE THE QUEEN.

Valentine; La Seine; Can-Can.

10.15 TAKE IT FROM HERE.

(Ravel); Rhapsody Op. 79

Mio Amato

Eston.

Presented by Timothy Birch.

vanians, Glee Club and Orchas-

7.15 INTERLUDE FOR MUSIC.

Conducted by John Hopkins. 2.00 CLOSE DOWN.

DRAMME SUMMARY.

6.03 STOCK MARKET REPORT.

430 AUSTRALIAN MAGAZINE.

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"VIEWPOINT."

7.43 BROADWAY '55.

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With

No. 1 (Brahms)

DAS ITALIAN

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7.15 MUSICAL COCKTAIL. Slave Maldens Rhumba; Danza Lucumi: Ebbiide; Piel Canela; Anitra's Rhumba; La Cumparza-Geri Gullan and his Caribbean Rhythm Boys.

7.30 BEDE DANIELS AND DEN LYON IN "LIFE WITH THE Episode 39--- 'I've got you covered.'

Don Glovanni-Overture (Mozart)

-The London Symphony Orch. cond.

8.00 MUSIC FROM OPERA.

by Josef Krips; Cherry Duet from Act I "L'Amico Fritz" (Mascagni) -Permecia Taguavun (tener) and Pis-Tassinari (seprano); Intermezzo (from "I Pagliacci") (Leoncavallo) -Members of La Scala Orch., Milan cond. by Franco Ghione (orch.); Re dell' abisso affrattati (Haste, King of Darkne, s) (from "Un Hallo in Maschera") (Verdi)—Jean Watson (contraito) and the Philharmonia Orch. cond. by James Robertson; Drinking Song (from 'Meiry Wives of Windsor') (Nicolai) — Oscar Natzka (bass) and Chorus with Royal Opera House Covent Garden cond. by Karl Rankl; Bridal Procession (from "La Coq d'Or," Act 3) (Rimsky-Korsakov)-San Francisco Symphony Orch.

MAWKINS ' AND 8.30 JACK GOOGIE WITHERS IN "THE ORANGE IN THE TOR". A Comedy for Christmas by J. B. Boothroyd. Produced by Charles Parker. 9.00 TIME SIGNAL, RADIO CROSS-WORD-No. 6. Devised and Presented by

David Lytue. 9.30 THE BUNDAY CONCERT King Lear-Overture, (Berlioz)—L'Orchestre de L'Association des Concerts Lamoureux cond by Jean Martinon: Romeo and Juliet, Op. 17-Dramatic Symphony (Berlioz) Parts 1 and 2-Boston Symphony Orch, cond. by Charles with Margaret Roggero Lesite Chabay (ton.), Yi-Kwei Sze (bass), the Harvard Glee

10.45 FROM THE WEEKLIES (RE-CORDED LONDON RELAY). 10.59 WEATHER REPORT.

Club, The Radeliffe Choral Society.

11.00 TIME SIGNAL MUSIC AT 31. THE CLOSE. Sonata No. 3 in E flat major, Op. 12 (Beethoven)—Yehudi Menuhin (violin) and Louis Kentner (piano). 11.09 GOODNIGHT MUSIC, Frank Chacksfield and 11.29 THE BPILOGUE.

(Sunday Before Christmas) "The Promise of Salvation." GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. 11.30 CLOSE DOWN.

7.00 a.m. TIME SIGNAL AND

9.09 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

DIS BEC MIDLAND LIGHT OR-

10.00 HIG BAN. RADIO NEWERERL. 10.09 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

A radio play by Alan Kennington. 11.15 MUSIC IN MINIATURE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

9.09 HOME NEWS PROM BRITAIN

9.15 PETER JONES IN 'CHRIST-

Sung and introduced by the students of the Royal School of

Palace, Croydon, Surrey, 10.00 BIG BEN. RADIO NEWSREEL.

1.045 EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S

A feature programme dealing with

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

6.30 p.m. THE AL READ CHRIST-

7.25 Report from the Midlands.

A Christian approach to daily life by the Rev. John Radford. 145 TWENTY QUESTIONS. Christmas Edition.

1.09 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

BIG BEN, RADIO NEWSREEL

RADIO THEATRE PRESENTS

and David Kossoff in The

PEOGRAMME SUMMARY,

EAS LETTER FROM AMERICA.

7.30 GOD AND HIS WORLD.

from Addington

REPORT FROM THE NORTH

6.30 p.m. THE GOON SHOW.

10.15 'OPERATION NELLIE.'

11.45 BOOKS TO BEAD.

7.00 THE NEWS.

8.00 THE NEWS.

9.45 CAROLS.

Church Music

7.09 CUMMENTARY

7.15 SPORTS ROUND-UP

OF ENGLAND.

7.30 'WHAT'S THE FORM?'

745 ON STAGE, LONDON.

Christmas Edition.

MAS WITH JONES,

10.09 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

10.18 SERIOUS ARGUMENT.

1145 THIS DAY AND AGE.

Winter's Garment'

MESSIAH'.

the problems of old age.

7.09 COMMENTARY.

NEW RECORDS.

GRAND HOTEL

By Alistair Cooke.

Same Sky.

By Yvonna Mitchell.

THE NEWS.

7.00 THE NEWS.

830 WELSH MAGAZINE.

OPENING MARCH.

7.02 LIGHT MUSIC.

CHESTRA.

Tuesday

7.00 a.m. TIME SIGNAL AND UPENING MARCH.
7.01 LIGHT MUSIC. 7.15 NEWS BUMMARY. 120 TOP O' THE MORN. 7.45 WEATHER REPORT. 8.00 TIME SIGNAL, WEATHER

REPORT AND DIARY FOR TODAY. 8.10 MUSIC FROM THEATRE-LAND. 0.00 CLOSE DOWN. 12.15 p.m. MORNING PRAYERS BY THE REV J. E. SANDUACH. 12.30 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

12.32 "BLEIGH RIDE. A Journey into Melody with Robert Farnon and his Orches-1.00 TIME YOU'VE WHISTLED. Carle (Plane) with Franklo Rhythm Accomp. 1.15 NEWS. WEATHER REPORT

AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-1.30 LUNCHTIME MUSIC, 2.00 CLOSE DOWN.

6.60 TIME SIGNAL AND PRO-GRAMME SUMMARY. 6.03 STUCK MARKET REPORT. 6.08 THE WAIKIKI HULA BOYS. 610 AUVENTURE IN MUSIC. Moyna Burnett talks about Schumenn and his Scenes of Childhood. "Instruments Western Music". "Obce and Bassoon." A short talk by Jeremy Noble,

recorded from London. 7.00 TIME SIGNAL AND THE NEWS (LONDON BELAY). 1.09 COMMENTABY (LONDON RE-LAY) OR SPECIAL AN-NOUNCEMENTS. 7.15 "FIRST HEARING" PRE-SENTED BY ALEX BORRIE.
7.45 THE NATURALIST.
Introduced by Maxwell Knight,

"Popular Fallacies in Natural History" L. Hugh Newman and Dr Maurice Burton. 8.00 STUDIO: INTERNATIONAL HALF HOUR. La Demi-Houre Française. Presentation de M. Laversanne; Enfance du Christ (Berliez). 9.30 STARLIGHT SERENADE. 9.00, TIME SIGNAL, BUC VARIETY

PARADE. 9.30 ASIAN CLUG .THE PRINCIPLES OF FILM CENSORSHIP" (RECORDED LONDON RELAY)
Speaker: Arthur Watkins. 10.00 AT THE BALLET.

"Snegogrotchka" (Tchaikovsky)
The All-Union Radio Symphony Orch. cond. by Alexander Gauk. 10.40 INTERLUDE. 10.45 BEDSIDE BOOK. "Uncle dilas" by Sheridan Le

Road by Cynthia Nixon, Episode Tyonne Mitchell, Joan Miller 22. 10.59 WEATHER REPORT. 11.00 TIME BIGNAL BADIO NEWS MERL (RECORDED LONDON 8.15 WOOLF PHILLIPS, AND HIS 11.45 A STAKE IN THE COUNTRY, ORCHESTRA.

Contributions to a philosophy of Trio No. 4 in B flat for industrial relations. E. H. Leather, Trio No. 4 in B flat for Trio No. 4 in B flat for plano, clarinet & cello (Beethoven Op. 11).

—Denis Matthews (plane), Reginald Kell (Clarinet) and Anthony Pint (cello). 1.45 WEATHER REPORT. 8.06 TIME BIGNAL, WRATHER REPORT AND DIABY FOR 11.30 CLOSE DOWN. 8.19 MARCHING AND WALTZING,

Wednesday

1.00 a.m. TIMH BIONAL AND OPENING MARCEL 7.02 LIGHT MUSIC. 7.15 NEWS BUMMARY. 7.20 TOP O' THE MORN, 7.45 WEATHER REPORT CLOSE DOWN.

P.M. PROGRAMME SUMMARY. MUSIC FROM THE FILMS. NEWS. WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-1.30 STOCK MARKET REPORT. 1.25 AFTERNOON CONCERT. 2.00 CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 TIME SIGNAL AND PRO-GRAMME SUMMARY. EAS LUCKY DIP-YOUR Played by Margherita. 6.59 WEATHER REPORT. 7.00 TIME SIGNAL AND THE NEWS (LONDON RELAY)

7.09 "THREAT FROM FIRE." A scasonal warning by Mr W. Chief Officer of the Hongkong Fire 7.15 GOING TO THE PICTURES. In which a panel of three critics discuss films currently being shown in Hongkong. Chairman; Audrey Mendes,

7.JO TIME FOR JAZZ WITH RO-LISTENER'S 8.00 BTUDIO: CHOICE PRESENTED BY UNA AND GEOFFREY OPENSHAW-STATNER. 8.30 HONGKONG CONCERT CHESTRA.

Recorded during the first half of their Christmas Concers at the Ritz. 0.00 TIME BIGNAL, WEUNESDAY THEATRE. "Ewanwhite" A Fairy Tale by August Birindberg.

Translated, edapted and produced 12.15 p.m. ALUANESE (SOPRANO) WITH by Poter Walls. 10.30 MUSIC OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. Dialectic Op. 15 for String Quartet (Alan Bush)-The Acolian String Quartet [Alfred Caves, lst violin; Leonard Dight, 2nd violin; Watson Forbes, viola; John Moore, cello). 10.45 REDSIDE BOOK. Selection of Hungarian, Roumanian "Uncle Bilas" by Sheridan Le & Russian Gipsy Melodies-Veres

> Read by Cynthia Nixon. Episode Jimmy 10.59 WEATHER REPORT 11.00 TIME SIGNAL, RADIO NEWS REEL (RECORDED LONDON RELAY). GOD SAVE THE QUEEN,

Thursday

1.30 CLOSE DOWN.

7.00 a.m. TIME BIGNAL AND UPENING MARCH. 7.02 LIGHT MUHIC. 7.15 NEWS BUDIMARY. 1X0 TOP O' THE MURN 7.45 WKATHER REPURT. 8.00 TIME BIGNAL,

WEATHER REPORT AND DIARY FOR TODAY. 8.10 MUBIC PHUM THE PILMS. 9.00 CLOSE DOWN, 12.10. Dm. PRUGRAMME SUMMARY 12.32 NOTHING BUT MUSIC. Music from Spain. 1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-MENTS, 1.20 BONGS TROM THE SHOWS.

"Round the Town" with Rizabeth Welch, Lind Joyce, Harbara Leigh, Johnny Brandon, hiervyn Saunders, Billy Ternent and his Orchestra. Presented by John Watt. 2.00 CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 TIME SIGNAL AND REO-GRAMME SUMMARY. EOJ BTOCK MARKET KEPURT. 5.08 FOR THE CHILDREN. "The Coming." A Nativity Play written and produced by Colvyn Haye. Performed

by the pupils of King George School. TUNES | 6.30 STUDIO: PORTUGUESE HALF 6.59 WHATHER REPORT. 7.00 TIME BIGNAL AND THE NEWE (LONDON RELAY). 7.09 COMMENTARY (LONDON RE-LAY) OR SPECIAL AN-NOUNCEMENTS. 7.15 BEGINNER'S PLEASE. 4th Edition of Radio Houg-

kong's Amateur Talent Bhow. Compete: John Wallace. Produced by Hilary Green. 7.45 INTERLUDE. 7.50 "A CAROL CONCERT." By the Choir of St. John's Cathedral in the Presence of and Lady Grantham.

His Excellency the Governor Recorded on the Steps of Governnent House. 5.15 WHAT'S THE FORM CORDED LONDON BELAY). 8.30 V.O.A. HIT PARADE.

9.00 TIME SIGNAL. A Radio Portrait written by Gale Pedrick. Produced by Thursten Holland. "Amahi and the Night Visitors" (Menotil).

Amalil (a crippled boy of about 11)—boy soprano—Chet Allen; His mother mezro-soprano — Rosemary Ruhlmann; The Three Kings (Kaspar (slightly deaf) tenor—Andrew Mo-Kinley (Melchlor—baritons — David Alken); (Balthazar - baritone - Leon Liahner); The Page baritone -Frank Monschino - Chorus of 7.45 WEATHER REPORT.

8.00 TIME SIGNAL, WEATHER Occhestra and Chorus cond. by Thomas Schippers.

7.00 TIME SIGNAL, WEATHER Occhestra and Chorus cond. by Thomas Schippers.

7.00 OUTSTURES.

9.00 CLOSE DOWN.

Cond. by John Pritchard.

Christmas Symphony in C major for String orchestra and organ (Manifedini); Christmas Concerto No. 8 in. G minor Op. 6 (Corelli). 19.43 BEDSIDE BOOK. "Unclo Blias" by Sheridan Lo Read by Cynthia Nixon. Episode 34 10.59 WEATHER REPORT

11.00 TIME BUNAL RADIO NEWS

RELAY).

REEL (RECORDED LONDON

11.09 GOODNIGHT MUSIC. Fantasia on one Note (Purcell)— Vienna Chamber Orch. cond. by Franz Litschauer: Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 131 (Schumann),
—Aida Stucki (Violin), ProMusica Orchestra, Btuttgart cond.
by Rolf Reinhardt. GOD BAVE THE QUEEN. 11.30 CLOSE DOWN.

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7.00 a.m. TIME SIGNAL AND OPENING MARCH. 7.01 LIGHT MUSIC. 7.15 NEWS BUMMARY. 7.20 TOP O'THE MORN. 7.45 WEATHER REPURT.

8.00 TIME BIGNAL, WEATHER REPORT AND DIARY FOR 8.10 ORCHESTRA CALL 9.00 CLOSE DOWN. _ROMAN CATHOLIC

PRAYERS. By the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, 8.J. 12.30 PROGRAMME BUMMARY. LONDON STUDIO MELODIES. Mantovani and his Orchestra. 1.00 TIME BIGNAL, "MI CANCIUN" (MY BONG). Alfredo Sadel (vocal) with Orchestra accompaniment.

1.15 NEWS WEATHER BEPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-1.30 MUSIC OF THE MASTERS. Quintet in A Major for Claringt Strings K.581 (Mozart)-Members of the Vienna Octat. 2.00 CLOSE DOWN.

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SON. 7.45 MOVIE MAGAZINE. A Programme for Picture-Edited and presented by David 5.15 TARE IT FROM HERE. (Christmas Edition)

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Schumann: Plane Concerto in A. Minor, Op 54; Mendelsschn: Bongs Without Words No. 4 in C Major. Op. 67; Richard Strauss: Presentation of the Silver Rose (from "Der Rosenkavaller"). 10.00 CONTINENTAL PRESENTED BY DENISE BRABANT. 10.30 VIRTUOSO-LOUIS RENTNER (PIANO). (On Records)
Bolero in C Major, (Chopin, Op.

19); En Reve (Nocturne) (Liszt); Etude No. 2 in D sharp minor-Rondo des Fantomes (from "12 Etudes D'Execution Transcendante". (Liapounov, Op. 11). 10.45 BEDSIDE BOOK. "Uncle Silas" by Sheridan Le Fanu. Final Episode. Read by Cynthia Nixon. 10.59 WEATHER REPORT.

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ACROSS

3 Exhibits (8).

11 Warliko (8).

12 Accurate (4).

13 Deduce (5).

18 Weeds (5).

24 Solneed (B).

25 Morose (θ).

28 Scatter (8)

Edges, 25 Pact

19 Dregs (4).

8 Frightened (6).

9 Hunted for (8).

22 Feign illness (8)

The Jealous Impresario Hired Six Detectives

GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

reviews the NEW BOOKS

IN SEARCH OF DIAGHILEV. By Richard Buckle, Sidgwick and Jackson, 30s. 128 pages.

FEW years before Serge Diaghilev set out to conquer Europe he organised in St Petersburg, in the palace where Potemkin had once entertained his mistress Catherine the Great, n huge exhibition of historic Russian portraits. Three

DOWN

1 Injuries (5).

2 Comic (5).

3 Remote (7).

4 Notion (4).

6 On land (6).

7 Unexpected (6)

15 Remainder (7).

17 Ball game (6).

22 Donkey (colloq.) (4).

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

5 Wine (4).

10 Rage (5).

14 Mortal (5).

16 Calm (6),

20 Active (6).

21 Edge (5).

23 Fewer (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD,—Across: 3 Particle, 7 Opers, 8 Portents, 10 Rioler, 13 Admiral, 15 Siay, 17 Turcons, 15 Matador, 20 Eign, 21 Rissole, 26 Needed, 27 Estrange, 28 Douise, 29 Sanctity. Down: 1 Cobra, 2 Beson,

3 Paper, 4 Tots, 5 Candle, 6 Essays, 9 Orator, 11 Ideal, 12 Titan, 14 Luring, 15 Sense, 16 Angle, 18 Melocs, 19 Tartan, 22 Seedy, 23 Odour, 24

A British Crossword Puzzle

23

reached the level prophetic utterance. brilliant but dead period: descendants. A period of history turous. lis dying. We ourselves shall give birth to a new civilisation which in turn will sweep

tante, conceited and unpopu-

lar, made a speech which

A WANDERER

laway.'

The new civilisation which was a stupendous snob; Diaghilev had heralded came to agnostic who, when the weather birth while he was a wanderer was bad during a sea voyage, on the face of war-rent Europe, insisted that his valet should the impresario of a nomadic fall to his prayers. troupe of dancers which had once been the Imperial Russian as a refugee.

true heir is to be found at tion or she would die. Sadler's Wells.

In searching for relics of this strange man, Richard Buckle met many elderly survivors of a glamorous artistic adventure. He came upon them in Paris, dusty over-crowded flats; on the Riviera; in London: in "that unexplored territory north of Holland Park."

TREASURES

Some of them, including best. And his worst? Picasso, promised to lend their treasures and then did not: ings done for Diaghdlev, which follow Massine and two girls, hostesses. were hardly suitable for Buckle's Massine was supposed to be in purpose.

But while he sought relics he also gathered memories—almost

thousand canvases, drawn because something about this from every province of the man remains enigmatic. Many of his old associates did not in the banquet which been a hypnotist, as magician; a celebrated this achievement, they were relieved that his spell policy, the young dilet-was broken.

A SHOWMAN

Diaghlley, born in a Russian barracka, son of an officer of the Imperial Guard, was a He told the assembled nobility showman, with organising that the pictures summed up a genius and fanatical will-power. "I He became a one-man Arts zical expression mop of wellrealise this not only when I Council, spending other people's waved silver hair, and bony, look at the splendid pertraits of money to produce works of art vivacious hands is, at 65, one these ancestors but even more that pleased his own taste, of the French adolescent poets when I observe their moribund which was erratic but adven- who writes his own books.

> He was mean with waiters, us rude to hotel servants, disliked by his London tailor, aloof and men breed racehorses, Cocteau's capricious towards his troupe, father was a rich French lawyet capable of becoming gavest of good comrades.

In the depths of the 1914-18 Ballet. The birth-pangs he had war the Diaghilev company. foreseen cut him off from his unable to reach Russia or source of inspiration in the Old to get engagements in France or accused of illicit use of drugs; Parisians tried to get in. Russia. He arrived in this West Britain, toured the Spanish pro- fined £5. The drug was oplum. as a pioneer; he died in Venice vircial towns—one-night stands, on which Cocteau later wrote a They were in direct poverty, book. Six Syrians were arrested The baby daughter of Lydia But he and his ballet had not Sokolova, Diaghilev's first Englived and wandered in vain. His lish dancer, must have an opera-

LAST RESERVE

Sokolova had no money. Diaghilev opened an old leather portmanteau and tipped out of It a heap of coins of every European country. He handed over all the silver. It was his last reserve. It was enough to pay the surgeon.

That was Diaghilev at his

He was so madly jealous of love with one of them. But

"When he thought he had enough to make a composite discovered the guilty one he had portrait of Diaghiley, "Almost" her fetched at night, doped, to what I cannot say."

stripped and flung naked into the dayourite's room." Massine was dismissed and forbidden the theatre—and Diaghilev re-tired to bed, where he remained for weeks.

The object of Buckle's quest, the subject of his racy if rambling book was after all, an immensely cultivated barbarlan, a boyar in a scalskin collar and a monocle. Product of a dying period of history, he was a Tsar in a ferocious tradition.

CHILDREN OF THE GAME. By Jean Cocteau. Harwill. 12s. 6d. 179 pages.

TEAN COCTEAU, with quiz-

Laffite where rich French sportsthe ver. He became known as a poet He at 16: since then has revealed an an innate genius for all the at the same time; this appears to have had no connection with French culture.

> his great friend, Raymond Radiguet, Cocteau went for long walks with Maritain, the distinguished Catholic philosopher. But the walks did not lead him into the Church.

ADORED

He wrote novels and illustrated them; devised ballets-The Blue Train: Death and the Young Man, but did not dance others had kept nothing from Massine, the dancer who was his in them; wrote plays; designed the past; George Balanchine had favourite pupil, that he hired labels for Rothschild's wines; only a few pornographic draw- three pairs of detectives to was adored by fashionable ferred the dublous accolade of marked by cigaretic-droppings.

> always knew how far he could death." go too far, said:

He was born at Maisons- reading a treatise on horti- wishes to impress a "I do not believe that a poisoned gum, affixed to postcountry (France) which pro- age stamps.

duces 140 cheeses can go down,"

When, at last, yielding to a tried old lines of publicity, e.g., childish impulse to "dress up," keeping a monkey and a Chinese Cocteau became, a member of crazy logic of nightmare ends a servant, getting taken to the the French Academy, the price tale that has the cerle fascinapolice station at Toulon (1938) of seats at his inauguration tion of something which cannot with three friends (respectively reached 15,000 francs on the quite be understood. singer, artist and film actor) black market. Twelve thousand

HIS SPEECH

Cocteau turned up in a uniform created for him by Lanvin the conturier, a sword designed I successful thriller (faults: In 1923, after the death of by himself but made by Cartier. 1. In his speech he warned the suspension) on the Burgess-Academy not to overlook "those Maclean theme, Harling neverbad characters through whom France has astonished the world."

> Game, Cocteau invents two bad hidden rivalries, little dignities, characters of his own.

Children of the Game reached Britain as a film (The Strange, licuous, as an array more tinguished by something more scissors the censors eliminated a bathroom sequence and conan "X" certificate. Even so, critics were repelled by its might conceivably know a lead He was often outrageous, but "nauseating infatuation with story when he saw one.

It tells the story of two rich The Enormous Shadow, after "Poetry is indispensable, but juvenile delinquents, Elizabeth getting off to a good start, fails

"A poet who writes about in a private world of poetry is as ridiculous as a plant and fantasies. When chum, he invents a project for mass murder by means of a

Jean Cortean

DIAGHILEY

with a menocle,

COCTEAU

The feverish relations between the two young people end when Paul dies and Elizabeth shoots herself. A climax with the

THE ENORMOUS SHADOW. By Robert Harling. Chatto and Windus. 12s. 6. 288 pages.

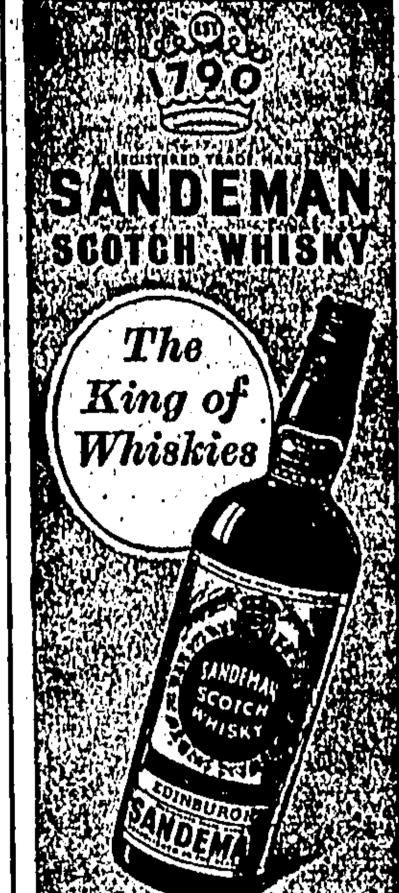
TAILING to model a wholly non-violence; 2, weak theless creates for his story a setting of modern Fleet Street that is diverting and plausible.

He knows the strains of a In his novel, Children of the newspaper office, the halfsimmering intrigues.

> He knows that journalists in fiction, as in life, should be disthan bad manners, a partiality for spirits', and a waistcont He can even draw an editor who

All the greater pity, then, that and Paul, who dwell together to keep a grip on the track.

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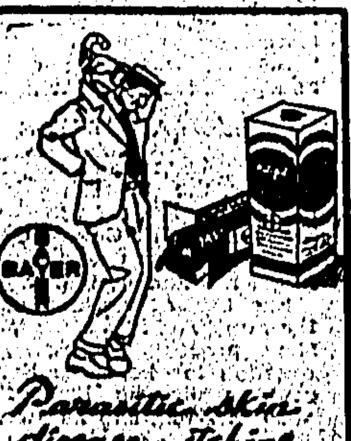
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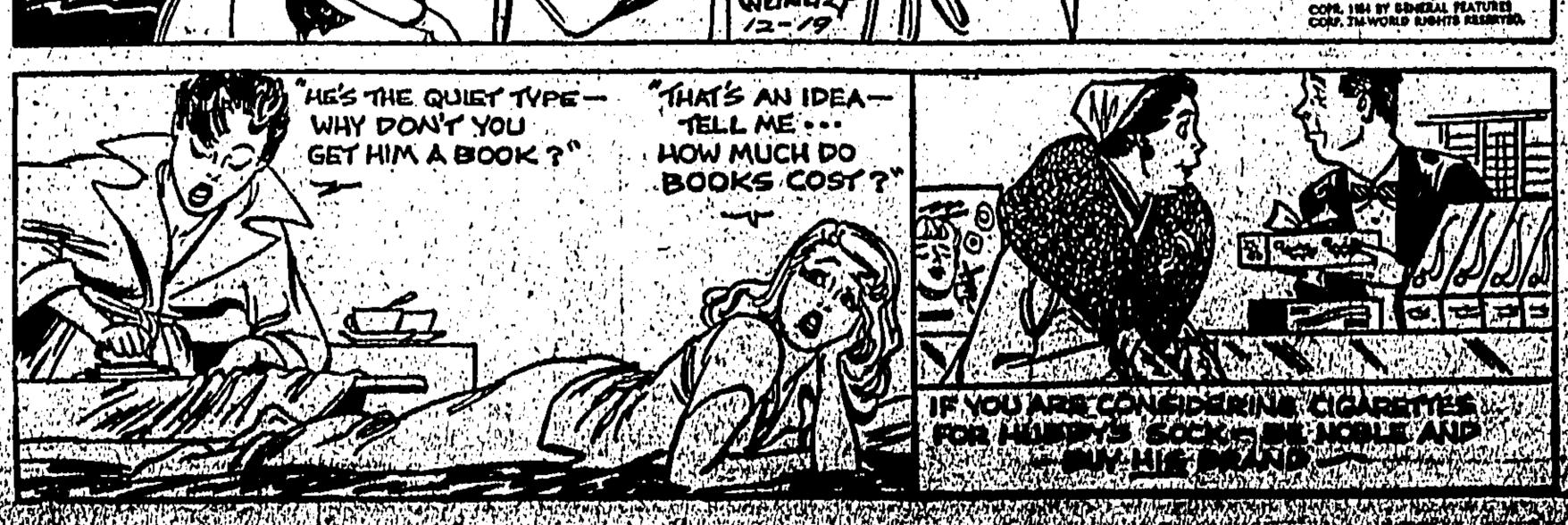


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SOCCER ACCEPTS....

FAIR SHOULDER CHARGE GOALKEEPER FEATURE OF

By I. M. MacTAVISH

From Indonesia to Ibrox and from Sookunpoo to South America football folk the world over have suddenly become involved in a great argument about rough play in general and charging the goalkeeper in particular.

The salient points of the matter are that British football accepts the fair shoulder charge as a feature of the game, while other countries, particularly on the continent of Europe, have shown a distaste for the practice.

There are "pros" and "cons" | There the goalkeeper enjoys for both points of view. One special place as something of a thing is absolutely definite, that specialist entertainer. is, that the British attitude is spectacular dive, the often

tion of charging. titudes between the soccer com- | invoke howls of disapproval, munities in the Home countries and on the continent It is necesnot so much today as in the him in cotton wool is not.

responsibil**itie**s

In Britain the goalkeeper was, and still is, essentially a unit in a team. Hie is expected to share the team's responsibilities in exactly the same way as the other players, and as far as the average British fan is concerned, dramatic theatricals on the part of the goalkeeper cut very little ice.

This does not mean that the British spectator does not appreclate a personality. He does. Men like Frank Swift, Sam Bartram, Jimmy Cowan and Ronnie Simpson, all as spectacular and acrobatic as any continental, have enjoyed great popularity, not because of an 'act', but because they never predicated goalkeeping to absolute showmanship, and because they were always ready and willing to meet the strongest attack and the stoutest physical challenge, without a show of pseudo-dramatics more belitting a flouted prima donna than a

dootballer. On the continent where secre had a later birth things were and still are, very different.

QUIZ

- 1. Christian names
- Llowellyn; Pompey; Olson. 2. Two brothers have held the home. same British boxing title since the war. Who are they
- and what was the utile? 3. With what sports do you associate Roy Salvadori, in the long run. James J. Parker, John Surtees, Ronnie Moore?
- 4. Who won most gold medals
- Miller, Peter May, Nell of approval among foot-Harvey? 6. By what names are Arnold
- 7. Whom did Tony Trabert
- beat to win the Men's Singles Final at Wimbledon this year?
- 8. What happened Jim met John Gentleman -9. Who was the last non-
- American to win the World heavyweight-boxing title? 10. Can a footballer be off-side justify some reduction. from (a) a throw-in (b) a corner (c) a free kick?

(Answers See Page 23)

strictly in accordance with the exaggerized acrobatic leap, the laws of the game, and many acclamations in success, and the knowledgeable folks feel that if | commiserations in failure are all the current efforts to ban charg- part of his act, and the crowd ing of the goalkeeper are suc- loves it. His is a hero's task cessful it will be the thin edge and anything that interferes of a wedge that might eventual- with him while he is performing ly lead to a still wider prohibi- is frowned upon in much the same way as any interference To appreciate the different at with the popular matador would

Such things, however, do not make laws. The goalkeeper is sury to look at the role of their still as much a player as anyrespective goalk cepers..., maybe | one else in his team. To wrap formative years before the last the eyes of many people, an encouragement to maintain him in his rightful status,

KEEN STUDENT

On the other hand it is generally agreed that little material or careet benefit comes from molesting the goalkeeper while he is in possession of the ball, and keen students of the game feel that it is an unundignified necessary and spectacle, that can, and as has been shown in recent big international matches, cause a great deal of misunderstanding, ill-feeling and

actual trouble. Be that as it may however It should not be forgotten, that It is causing trouble merely becauce some countries are refusing deliberately to honour the accepted laws of the game . . . whe her the particular law is a good or a bad one is beside the point. . . and they are demonstrating against those who have the courage to con-

form to the laws so they are written at the present time. It is understood that the matter is to be raised at the next FIFA meeting. There will, of course, be powerful backing for a revision of the law as far as charging the goalkeeper is concerned. If the rule is in fact changed the UK countries will no doubt accept and honour it in the same way as they have honoured the old reading and in the same way as they have honoured the introduction of the controversial and iniqui-

tous 'indirect free-kick' . surely the most provocative of all the bubies born in the FIFA if the law is changed goal- little between them at the

keepers will gain greater tree- finish, with Sing Tao starting com than ever before . . . but maybe the game will lose much

The announcement that the in the men's track and field prices of tiexets for the series events at the Helsinki of games against the Austrian Olympics out of Jamaica, visi.ors in January are to be Luxemburg and Australia? | materially the same as for the 5. Who is the odd batsman | recent matenes with the East Len Hutton, Keith Africane, will kindle few shouts

baller tooks in the Colony. Earlier in the week there and Walker Smith was clear indication that some better known? Both have of our legislators agreed with recently held world boxing the suggestion that the big new stackun should be an instrument for lower prices and not

for higher revenue. The seating capacity of the Hongkong Stadium has been given officially as 28,500 and as the guarantee to the visitors... plus necessary extras-ls pretty certainly in the region of \$50,000 there is, at least to the casual observer, a margin to

VISITING TEAMS It is fully appreciated the HKFA accepts considerable old rivals, the Police.

financial responsibility in bringvisiting teams to the Colony, and it is realised too, that it is easy to act as critic when the weight of responsibility rests elsewhere, but surely the blatant lessons of

the last sories cannot be ignored. Put plainly, the money simply is not available for fancy priced scats. True it is that the series goes on around Chinese New Year but it is not a good long derm policy to eash in on that . . . memories are longer than

purses these days. the new studium for top class as mine host. attractions at fair prices. I believe, that they are ready and willing, to pay something more than the normal local prices to see visiting sides in action but the increased prices must be of wrote it like this for me the to New Government Stadium, as \$10 is to????....Maybe some of my readers would like to make a suggestion of a fair finish to presentation of the problem.

WEEK-END GAMES

There is a most interesting schedule of games this week-end and the most demanding soccerfans should find something to interest them, both today and lomorrow. programme

follows:---Today: RAF v. Sing Tao at Club Stadlum; Navy v. Club et Causeway Bay; Army v. Police at Boundary Street.

Tomorrow: Kwong Wah v. CAA at Caroline Hill: Eastern v. South China at Hongkong Stadium.

All games will start 3.30 p.m.

the Club Staduim tomorrow. this afternoon. The Island crowd this afterlight blues in their current good form a close game should be seen. Their earlier meeting ended in a hard fought draw and once again there may be very

narrow favourities. VITAL BREAKS

Tomorrow the New Government Stadium will hold another poo at 1.30 p.m. 2nd Division: Army big crowd for the top-of-the-tuple clash between Eastern and South China. The fans are Army "N"; University "A" v Police. very much divided on the outcome of this game but the gencompetent enough side—are get. Bde (B.S.) 2.30 p.m.; HK and Kln ting the vital breaks that makes Club "A" v Club "B" (H.V.) 4.30 them a hard side to beat.

South China have had a disappointing season so far but they are still potentially a grand side and with forwards like Ho Dorison Cheung-yau, Yiu Cheuk-yin and Mok Chun-wah they can never be underestimated. It looks like a close affair. Eastern will start favourites but an early goal to 4 p.m. South China could well see two valuable points crossing the road

to Caroline Hill. In the other week-end games CAA should edge out Kwong Wah; Navy should not lose to the Club; and the Army will do well to share the duce at Boundary Street against their

Famous

Have Met

Jack Bloomfield By ARCHIE QUICK

So Jack Bloomfield is coming back to the West End. The immaculate figure of this blg, handsome Jew was one of the sights of London in those prewar days beyond recall. His hostelry in Leicester Square was the meeting place of sportsmen in every walk of life-the crossroads where you met everyone who was anyone boxing, football, cricket, golf, the stage, the Press. Through the awinging gines

doors would pass celebrities of the calibre of Patsy Hendren, Len Braund, Len Harvey, Alex James, Alex Jackson, Bombardler Blily Wells. The names are legion and household words everyone of them. And there to meet them was Jack, perfectgroomed, a red carnation, well-kept dark curly hair, six foot and more of him. The former Champion was Metropolis's counterpart of New York's Jack Dempsey.

Alas, the tavern received direct hit during the London blitz with the loss of life The Chinese fans have shown some of the staff. Now it is to quite clearly that they will pack be rebuilt and Jack goes back the ball.

GENERAL OPINION

It is the general opinion that Bloomfield would have had a good chance of winning the World's Heavyweight Chama realistic nature. A friend plouship but for an unfortunate After knocking out other day HKFC Stadium is Billy Wells he picked up the tall Bomburdier and carried him his corner, Bloomseld to sustained serious internal injury as a result, and never fought that somewhat unmathematical again. It was a tragedy for British boxing as much as it was personally to Jack.

He was the best of a number of 12st 71b men and looked like making a good Heavyweight. His contemporaries were such as Dick Smith, Harry Reeve, Pat O'Keefe, Tom Berry, and he proved himself the master of them all

His defeat of Wells was to be the prelude to stepping up into the heavier class with Frank Goddard, Joe Beckett and their like. But a gesture of sportsmanship was to set at maught all the plans that had. been laid for the East Londoner's

duturo. Instead Jack become the best known of the capital's hoteliers It will be noted that the in much the same way as Army-Police game, which was Freddle Mills is today. The inn originally due to be played at is to be rebuilt on the same site and will doubtless become will go on at Boundary Street once again the Mecca of the sporting world in Town.

Bloomfield has been living at noon will be at the Club to Eastbourne, and it is his opinion watch the Tigers tackle the that Jack Gardner will regain Royal Air Force, and with the the heavyweight title from Don

Diary

TODAY

IRC v Malayan Indians at Sookun-

erai feeling seems to be that Tak) 3 p.m.; 48 Bdo v Police (Kai Eastern—apart from being a Tak) at 4.15 p.m.; Gumners v 27

4 p.m.; Victorians v Services (H.V.) 2.30 p.m.; KGV "A" v Craigengower (H.V.) 4 p.m. Friendly match; Combined Services Combined Civilians (King's Park)

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LEARN YOUR CRICKET Get Down To Fielding

watch the bat except Arst with high catches. slip and leg slip, who should watch the ball. For sighting the ball quickly and for quick move-

close-in fielder's "position c om fortablu

tween Both knees and hips well bent; it is always easier

to rise than to stoop. (3) Hands relaxed in front of and between the knees, with fingers pointing more or less down. The forcarms should be free and not resting on the thighs.

(4) Head still and mind concentrated on each ball. To sustain this concentration throughout an innings means a constant effort of will, but remember how often it is just when this concentration has falled that the vital chance

More catches are missed by failure to get into the proper position for catching then by failure of the hands to close on

ball, move as quickly as possible there.

matically close.

with the ball points for all fielders:

to get this done without verusing" it to the batsmen. it is deflected.

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A LL close-in fielders should This is especially important

(4) Spread, but never tense, the fingers and receive the ball in the "web" at the base of them. They will then auto-

(5) Let the hands "give" Here are one or two final

Always watch your captain

and the bowler in case either of them wants you to alter your position. They should be able In order to save overthrows always "back up," and in doing so try, if you are fielding near the wicket, to get well back from it, for unless you do, you cannot see or cover the ball if

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HE LEARNED THE LINCO

Two years ago an Italian walked into Hereford United's offices and asked for a game. He was told to go away and learn the languages as he could The catcher's aim should be speak no English. Filippo Aicllo was back again recently (1) Once he has sighted the having learned his English quickly because he wanted to to get his head on to the line, play senior football. He is getkeep | ting a trial. While studying | balanced and still and really he has been averaging two goals a week for a junior club. He (3) So far as possible, catch is a baker and used to play the ball level with his face. Soccer in his native Salerno.

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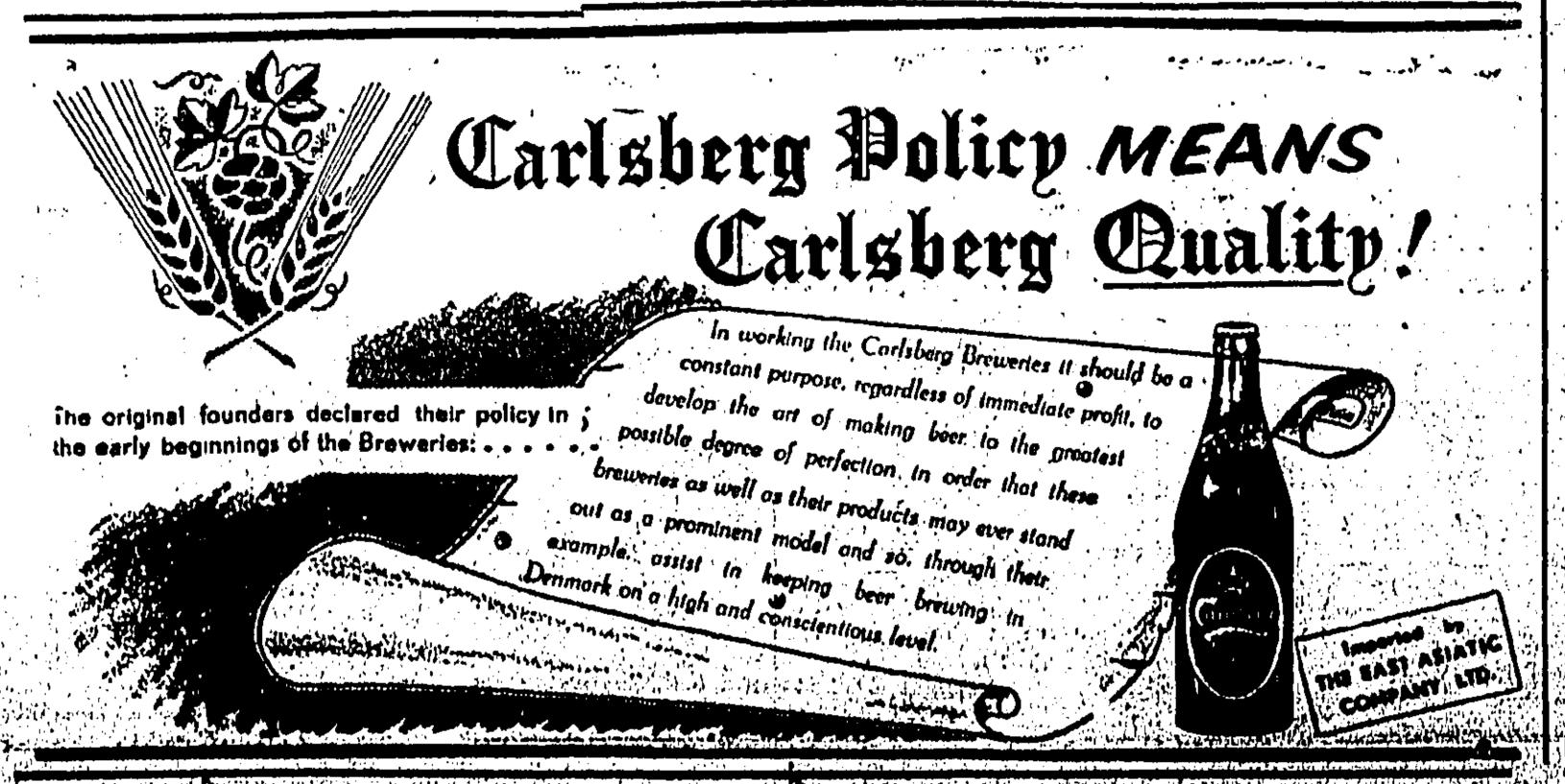
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J. C. GRAHAM

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accounts of how to win £75,000, whether anything can be done "We are extending our service to stop the Pools from opera to New Zealand following re- ing here. Experts think that quests from many residents," even if the Pools are ruled to

where oversens clients are con- banned as the law stands. matches "

MONEY ORDER

Guarant es are given to pay all winnings without any need for a claim, and means are described by which stakes can be plat by money order, cash tries or in advance.

Although the New Zealander Is an amy out as the next man to is upset at this latest example has condoned the practice by of enterprise. So much so that reaching an agreement with the the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr S W. Smith, has ordered his tax of sixpence for every ticket department to make a full re- fold in New Zealand. port on the legality of the venture. Meanwhile he commented more of a game of chance than

an outright gamble."

With the forms come glowing; But legal opinion doubts be not games of skill in New "Nothing is too much trouble Zealand, they still cannot be

Special arrangements It is illegal to operate a game have been made for coupons to of chance within New Zealand. be sent regularly by first class But there is very great doubt nir mail, well in advance of whether any action can be taken against firms operating abroad, or against New Zealanders for taking part through the mails.

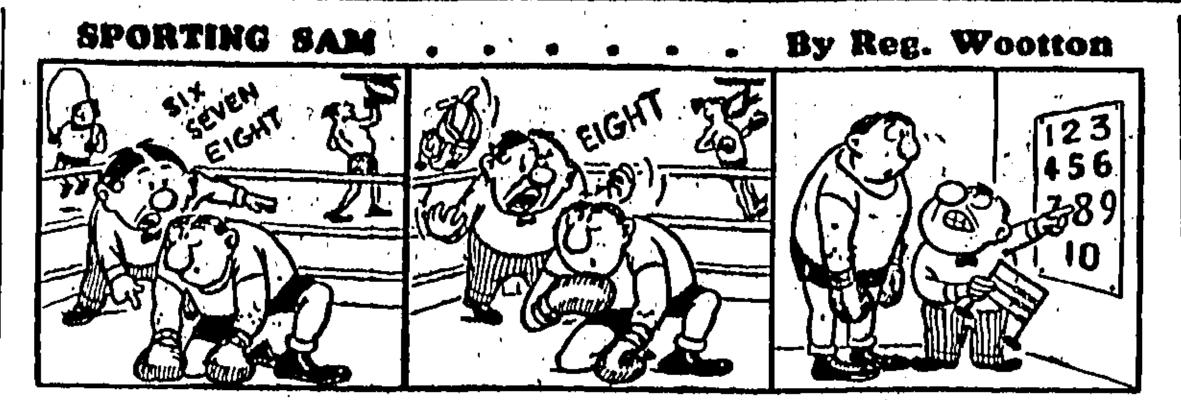
AN AGREEMENT

cus regularly buy tickets in or cheque, either with the en- overseas lotteries. One big Australian lottery has had thousands of clients in New Zealand for many years, an i firm. Under this it receives a

The Pools are certainly not "If we are going to use sport for this outright lottery- and the match in the morning, the after- and-coming Hurricanes nine, the purpose of gambling I think New Zealand Post Office un- noon fracus between Eddie who improved considerably since it is a poor lookout. I can see officially welcomes the new Marques' Warriors and the the start of the season betterno sign of skill in the picture, business. Said a postal official Chicege Athletics, in the only ling the Comets and Delawares If it depends on forecasting the "I understand that in Britain other Senior "A" Division in their steady climb up the results of matches between football pools have greatly tustle scheouled, should provide pennant ladder. different football clubs of which helped Post Office revenue. I have interest as both these mest New Zealanders have heard don't think we would benefit so teams are known as unpredict-terms bats with the secondnothing, it must be regarded as greatly but I doubt if we would | the ', dishing up a brilliant | placed Comets for the third be actively against it."

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RIVALS—BRAVES JOSEPH'S TO CLASH

By TIME OUT

Softball enthusiasts trooping out to the park this week-end will have more than their money's worth, as the long-awaited clash between the League-leading Braves and the mighty St Joseph's has finally been slated As it is, many New Zealand- for decision at 11.00 a.m. tomorrow.

These old arch rivals have always been battling for the Senior "A" crown in the past years with the Saints coming off with the last two Championships.

changed as the Braveshoud the the next. win £75,000, the Government the New Zealand Government League with no losses white their on e-mighty rivals have two challeed up against them, Another loss temorrow will | pennant hopes.

This year, however, the tide is | mediately crumbling to pieces in | plate besides keeping base run-

TOP BILLING

The Senior "B" tector of the men's side come up with a full menn 'farewell' to 1955-56 programme this week as all four teams are featured in tomorrow's afternoon card. Tak-Overshadowed by the key ing top billing will be the up-

In tomorrow's scuffle, they brand of ball one week and im- time this year. The other game should see young Charile| cellarites—HK University.

lasses from these squads are a keen bunch and can be counted start to finish. While this match is going on at the "A" diamond, pastures. the rookle Tai Tung girls, still Itching for their first victory, first-class battery, an sirtight will be having an embarrassing infield and an impregnable out- doesn't know anything until his time in the far off ground as field and you have an untheir rivals tomorrow are none beatable team in the Braves and other than the League-leading that is exactly the position as it Wahoos and once again a stands today. lopsided score will be in the

will be keeping up with Dodgers when they meet the lowly Tai Tung outfit,

FULL STRENGTH

Tomorrow's feature attraction between the League - leading Braves and the hard-hitting Saint Joseph's sure promises to be 'a battling tooth and nail hammer and tongs' affair as both these teams will be out in full strength to renew their age-old feud that have lasted for the past six years. Fans can be assured that not a dull moment will be shown in this exciting tussle as thrill after thrill will keep them glued to their seats throughout the contest.

With no losses against them yet, Ed Carvalho's Braves will enter the field as favourites in this 'Glant' battle. Considering the reputation of their opponents. Saints will probably have mentor Carvalho of the Braves Claude Pugh instead of youthful will probably start his strongest Onofre 'Reese' Sousa for this nine, with the main load rest- big game. The outfielders jobs ing on the steady hurling arm will prove to be quite a headof fastballer Vic Pedruco on the ache to manager Jindo Hussain

Riflearm Reggie Mattos will be calling the plays behind the

They Gave Him "Gate"

football boots last season after slight edge over the Saints but long service in the South East as the saying goes anything can Lancashire League with Bury St happen in a ballgame!' If the John's. He became a committee | underdog Saints should come man and studied to become an through with their old Cham-FA coach. Recently St John's pionship form that brought Reserves were a man short, them three pennants, they may Albert turned out and badly in- | be the first team to lower the jured the ligaments of one knee. Braves' colours this year. In appreciation the club gave Even if not, they will definitely him the whole of the "gate" fight until the last man is money.

pers at bay. The infield quartet for him until he is informed by a fight to stay in Division One. Final of the Cup. will be sparked by veteran ball- his own club. hawk Junior Remedios at the windy alley and lanky Carlau 'old reliable' Yvanovich at the initial sack.

the absence of their regular key- mentioned. stoner Tony 'slugger Guterres, who is away at comp, manager | trying to get the highest possible Carvalho will probably have price for one of their players 'Tiger' Hussain filling in that | Yet at the same time, a neutral

HARD HITTERS

In their line-up of outfielders, Remedios' Delawares having a the Braves have such top-billing 'field day' at the expense of the names as Budji Dhaber, 'Spiky' Guterres, Frank Loureiro and The game worth watching in Derek Smirke, all of which are the Ladies' Division is the hard hitters. Judging on past Capanda-Colleen duel at 9.00 performances, the outfield trio a,m, tomorrow as the young for this game will probably be southpaw Budji Dhaber at left, 'stonewall' Spiky Guterres at on to put up a rood show from Loureiro in the rightfield

Addd up all these features, a

card with the spotlight falling when they managed to cop two club who "owns" the player. Dodgers when they take on the main reason for the slow de- "owns", because that is how hard-fighting Overseas contin- cline of this mighty squad is most professional footballers look gent. Later on in the afternoon, probably due to the loss of on the present set-up. the youthful Seminoles, under their ace hurler Vic Pedruco, the able hands of Jindo Hussaln, who migrated over to the Braves' camp this year.

> In his vacated post, they have young southpaw A. Salleh Salleh is not yet seasoned for away. the job while veteran Sherry Bucks has lost the 'sting' that once went behind his every pitch. Looking at the other part of the roster, the Saints have a steady catcher in Mario 'Red' Pereira, whose brilliant moves at the plate have squashed quite a few opposing rallies. Long ball hitter Ken Donaldson will be stationed at first while veterans Art Ozorio and Benny Omar will be taking second and third bases respec-

At the short stop position, the as he has Gussie Pereira, Sonny Azevedo, A. G. Ismail, Dave Leonard, Joacquim Collaco and A. E. Ablong to pick from.

Once again I think the starting outfield trio will be Gussie Pereira at left, Sonny Azevedo at centre and Dave 'Bambino' Leonard at right.

Judging them team for team, defensive as well as offensive Albert Warburton hung up his Ed Carvalho's Braves have

About Time We Had A Labour Exchange For Footballers

Says DON REVIE

I think it is about time we had a Labour Exchange for Footballers on the transfer list. This may seem a revolutionary step, and yet if we are to stop these long drawn out tedious transfer stories, it seems the only answer.

The football public is, I am sure, tired of reading that Trevor Ford of Cardiff City is for transfer; that Bill Holden of Burnley is on the list; and that Don Revie of Manchester City is also available at the right offer.

lying third.

recently

at the Gate.

UNBEATEN RECORD

to get away. I'm also of the to him until it was too late. opinion that transfer deals should go through some central authority like the Football news. I'm sure the public doesn't of the continental brand of League or the Football Associa- like these deals any more than Soccer—is paying dividends.

the players who only want a At the moment a player asks quick change of clubs so that for a transfer. He is put on the they can settle down, list. If he is well-known, the Turn now to the League, and in for unbeaten runs. They did newspapers are full for days of let's congratulate Burnley for it when the great Bob Kelly, possible places he may go.

cerned is completely in the dark months ago they looked as did it again in 1947 when they as to which clubs are bidding though they were going to have won promotion and reached the

PRICE RING

It is quite a simple matter for manager, is one of those quiet manager. his club to put such a prohibl- chaps who doesn't like saying a Another club achieving great The hot corner spot will most live price on one of their players great deal. But my Manchester deeds in the First Division is likely go to Eddie 'k.d' Loureiro | that as soon as another club | City colloagues will agree with | Charlton Athletic. Amazing that whose capable glove makes this makes an inquiry it soon loses fighting team. section almost impenetrable. With interest when the figure is

> You can't blame a club for body would be more likely to come to a proper transfer fee. That's why I think there should be an unemployment ex- lads to get hurt." change for footballers. As soon

list, his name would be submitted to this body. They would fix the fee, bearing in mind his bigger. Yet Manager Brown and midfield. Shown a photograph of ability, and also how many more his tiny-tot forward line, deserve his team, the wide boy, not years of football there would be every credit for their play noticing himself in the opposing left in him Having fixed the fee, the player would be informed which

clubs were interested in his these small fellows make a show. services, then—as indeed is the case now-he could make his Under the present system, he

club chooses to release the in-I think in this way we would

come a little nearer to the ideal The Saints, though still able of having transfers centralised. to do a lot of damage to with a certain portion of the fee The Junior circuit as usual pennant-contending teams, are being ploughed back into the will dominate this afternoon's but a shade of their old form game, instead of going to the a.m. on both days. sharply on the yet unbeaten PI successive Championships. The You'll notice I use the word

I can recall the case of

famous international footballer a few years ago who went on the list. A nearby club wanted him. He wanted to go. Yet he was not told their representatives with veteran Sherry Bucks were in town until-after hours standing by. Here is where of negotiation—he was persuaded their main weakness lies as to join another club many miles

He told me later he would never have signed for this club if he had known others wanted

ANSWERS

(1) Joe has every right to be indignant. Until the ball has passed his right foot in this case it is still in the scrum Had it passed Joe's right foot and he had then swung out and brought it in he would have been penalised under Law 1

(2) The referee was right Law 27 (ii) states, the ball is in touch when, being in the player carrying it touches

(3) Joe is on-side. At one point he was off-side, but under Law 19 (a) he is on-side since "an opponent carrying the ball has run five yards."

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

4th Race Meeting 1955/56

Ponies entered in their Class on 18th December and re-classified on 17th Decembor, will have their entries transferred to their new classification. Where races are provided for more than one distance in any one Class, Owners of re-classified ponies will be required to declare their acceptance for one race only by Noon on Monday, 19th December and have the option of withdrawing the entry in the new Class.

By Order of the Blewards, A.E. ARNOLD.

Speaking as a player anxious | him. Yet this was not revealed | They prove that you den't have to be big to play Soccer; and this rapid interchanging of the BATTLING BURNLEY However, enough of transfer Burnley forward line-se typical

Amazing how Burnley always seem to be a club which goes their magnificent run of 11 famous incide-forward of the Yet very often the player con- matches without defeat. Two 1920's played with them. They

> Now look at the table: they are | Their centre-half in the great run in 1947 was none other than Alan Brown, the Burnley Alan Brown, their present

> me that Burnley are a fine this London club, always so |consistent, never hits the head-Manager Brown admits: "I'm lines like Arsenal, Chelsea or

> keeping my fingers crossed that Spura. we don't suffer many more in- | Charlton, like Burnley, are a juries. With Jimmy McIlroy, our fast moving side with superb international inside- | team spirit. Even at this stage forward, still on crutches, Jimmy of the season, I rather fancy Adamson unfit for the past both will be challenging for seven weeks and Burke also League or Cup by the time next out, we cannot afford any more May comes round.

Best story I've heard for a Burnley haven't the playing long time was about the good as a player went on the transfer staff to keep up their challenge "poncher" always noted for the for First Division for irs if way he grabs goals without dotheir injured list becomes any ing the heavy donkey work in goalmouth, wiscoracked: "Where am I? Must have been off my It is good for football when game grafting in midfield!"

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB THIRD RACE MEETING

Saturday, 10th & Saturday, 17th December, 1955. (To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 16 RACES The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra Hot will close at 11.45

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

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the age of seventeen years. Western Standard. PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission. MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

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Servants must remain in their employers boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$16.00 ach for the second day may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Agullar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets, Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Slewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th Wecember, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings. Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but

particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets. The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced

by the holder. The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

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RUGGER AFTERNOON'S

GUNNERS v. 48 BRIGADE WILL BE THE BATTLE OF THE DAY

Says "PAK LO"

This afternoon there have once again been a few changes in the fixtures. The major change concerns the Gunners' side. When the present system of games was drawn up it was found that each team would play every other team once and one of the teams twice.

The Gunners drew 27 Brigade as their double, but as they beat them comfortably last time they played, the 48 Brigade, who have already played and beaten their scheduled opponents, the Police, by a comfortable margin have arranged to swap places with the 27 Brigade.

Street at 2,30 p.m.

Hal Tak at 3.00 p.m. will bring the season, but the Gunners together the two RAF sides, The other game between the from the forwards and this Club "A" and Club "B" has re- will make the difference. grettably had to be cancelled as the Club has about 13 players on the unfit list and, while they still have sufficient men to play one Afteen, cannot make up two sides today.

Without question the battle of the day will be at Kai Tak between the unbeaten Gunners and 48 Brigade. The latter have present a more clearent win, for only bowed their heads lo defeat once and that to their opponents of today.

The Gunners have made only one change in their line-up with Anderson replacing Maunder at Hodgson can produce the same wing threequarter. These two brand of tugger, the Mainlanders players over the last weeks seem are in for a tough time, to have been taking turn and turn about to appear, but if halves combine better, and weir anything Anderson is a more passing is far superior. With the through the funnel and goes past forceful wing three and against the strong 48 Brigade a forceful serums, and with this preponderwing is very definitely needed. Since the last time they played the Gunners, the 48 Brigade hardest, but of late they have not is highly indignant, but has he any have become much stronger, and their three line is almost as good as that of the Gunners, if not better,

Forward, of course, the Gunnors have the advantage, and should get plenty of the ball good mutch for both are fairly from the lineouts, as they did before, but in the loose the Brigade are quicker on the Brigad

He Had The Last Laugh

Bognor were returning from a Sussex County League match with Crawley and stopped on the way for a meal. Treasurer Phil Proudley was paying the bill when the motor coach moved off and left him stranded

He had the last lough though. He had the money. While the team had to make the rest of the journey without the usual free drinks Mr Proudley travelled home in train comfort back, and it is his tackling which and had all the refreshment he wanted. Even the club is better off than usually on Saturday highlish a close thing, and the highlish nightst

New Ground

World No 1 Referee. He has officiated in every European South America. He has done the Cup Final and Internationals galore. But the Cuptle between Brighton and Norwich on December 10 was his first visit to the Fourth Coast of England to the Speins once more in front of them. South Coast of England to where Phipps and Dowling are the

THE WEER-END GAMBOLS

Thus the Gunners will face | Both full backs are very good, In Sterlini the Carrison have it the 48 Brigade at 4.15 p.m. on and it will take a strong at heavy heaker, has plenty of weight the Kal Tak ground and the 27 linek to break through. In the heating him and should get the ball Brigade will face the Police on halves there is little to choose, back fairly often. The Garrison the Army ground in Boundary for while Glen is Sharpe's where Ired is playing inside Carter. superior, Keir is a much The last time these two played The other game on the latter smarter fly half than Jackman. the Garrison walked it and although ground will be the clash of the Given a plentiful supply of have a much more difficult job than Garrison side with the Navy at ball the 48 Brigade can easily before. 3.45 p.m. while the first game at become the giant killers of

> No matter how much I but there has been a change of should like to see the 48 Brigade win, I must in all fairness unbenten record, but by a nar-

fow margin. AIRMEN MEET

The other Kai Tak game should

than the Idanders, particularly in whether good, bad or indifferent, the forwards, where Lamb and for an offer of free drinks from the Panther should be able to take Army does not come very often. charge in the lineouts. In the knose, however, Southwick will be a definite thorn in the Mainland side, and if his partner Behind the scrum though, the Mainland is the stronger for their plenty of the ball from the set ance of the ball the Mainland should win by quite a large score. At least the Daniders will by their been able to combine well, and unlose there is a big improvement will go down.

hall and make more use of their they could ever play so hadly again, the referee right? and given the chance their unces | (3) Joe has stopped to tie up his are fully capable of scoring. major share, at least an equal share | side?

> Both pagks have plenty of weight. but again the 27 Brigade have the more skuful hooker. Definitely the larger share of the ball should come back to the 27th back division, but strhough they have two strong wings in Binckburn and Boorman, the centres and the halves do not com-

> The Police, on the other hand, given a good service from the base of the scruin, are much stronger and are fully capable of scoring. In John-

NAVY v. GARRISON

In the final game the Navy have made two changes in their team. This time, for a change, it is a ship returning to harbour and Galo and Turner of the Newfoundland Will take their old pieces in the for-

The rest of the side remains in-

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THIRTY -TWO

RUGBY SOCIAL

should get plenty of the ball The Rugby Social arranged by the Army for Monday, December 19 will take place at the time arranged The beer drinking contest will

I now be held in the Bergennts' Mess pick the Gunners to retain their instead of the NAAFI in Chatham Road, at 6.30 n.m. The route from the Star Ferry will be signposted but no arrangements have been made for rugger players wishing to return home at an early hour.

This is an event which should not the Mainland are much stronger be missed by any rugby player,

BLOGGS' PROBLEMS

Now once more to our friend Joe Bloggs. Again his errors or otherwise have been selected from last week's games. The answers to the problems are on page 22.

(1) Joe is playing as right prop. and in a net gerum the ball comes weight the Mainland should also see Joe's left leg. Joe swings his right boot in an are and entenes the ball with it and swings it back into the scrim The referee whistles and penalises Joe for "returning the ball into the serum" Joe, of course, right to be?

(2) Joe is for a change on the

the 27 lingade have made two changes in their forwards due to opponents threes just as Joe is injuries, where Shepherd and Kencions down the field to join his nine eighteen and nineteen goals scored the most curious of goals, dail move into the back row. This own side, Just in front of Joe a in successive matches. They from his own position in the game should be a grand forward three takes a pass and Joe grounds untile, but the 27 Brigade are faster him with a nice tackle. The referee also went through last season Highland Light Infantry god! in the loose than the Police, and in whistles and awards a penalty without a victory. the lineouts should get, if not the against Joe for offside. Was Joe off-

Answers Sports Quiz

. Harry, Yolande, Carl.

Dick and Randelph Turpin who have both held the British Middleweight title.

Motor Cycling, Speedway. 4. Jamaica, who won two.

Neil Harvey, he is the only left-hander. Jersey Joe Walcott and Sugar Ray Robinson.

Kurt Nielsen. James J. Corbett won the

world heavyweight boxing title from John L. Sullivan. 9. Primo Carnera. 10. (a) No, (b) No, (c) Yes,

Barry Applely

MURIEL MICKLETON SENT US ONE LAST

YEAR, SO SHE'LL HAVE TO BE ADDED

OUTPOINTED KEENAN



Peter Keenan, the British and Empire Bantamweight Champion, was outpointed by France's Emile Chemama in a 10-round fight on December 12 at Marselles.—Central Press Photo.

SPORT SURVEY

Ambulance Not Required— Injured Player Scores Fine Goal

By ALL-ROUNDER

The telephone rang in Leamington Hospital asking for an ambulance to go to the Warwick Working Men's Club versus St Mary's match. The Working Club's centre-forward, Clist Mancini, was seriously hurt-or so it was thought. The ambulance arrived on the ground just in time to see Cliff score a fine goal.

Thirty-four years ago Mr Tommy Knight refereed his last League match between Aston Villa and Huddersfield. Now he is 76, but still goes to football. He went along to watch Boldmere St Michael's and Quarry Bank in a Birmingham League match the other day, and when the referee did not turn up he took control of the game despite his great age.

side of law and order med is running the Birmingham area. Brian minutes. On the Army ground the Police on the but the ball is still in the field thirty stitches. The next day

NAMES TAKEN

by the way, have nine pro-fessionals in the Army. Goalkeeper Joe Walton and right-back Fred Jones, of Little Harwood FC looked apprehensive when the referee of their match with Blackburn Olympics approached them and asked for their names. They had done no wrong. They sighed with relief when the official told them he was recommending them for League selection.

Derby County's goal is pro-3. Motor Racing, Boxing, motion back to Division Two. Their biggest rivals are Grimsby and Accrington. But when they played Accrington in a vital match last week-and lost 1-0they did not hesitate in releasthat he rested for the Eire-Spain match in Dublin next day. Derby were the only club which | Harry Storer, Mr Storer, also a acted so sportingly.

he hooked a 201bs pike, but and followed him there.

BILLY FOURSOURS A CARD

The Cartweight brothers are had to get his uncle to help land | but he is back with Stirling well-known amateur boxers in the monster. It took twenty again this time.

Queen's Park goalkeeper took a hefty kick from the 18 Reynolds FC play in the Red- yards line. The opposing goal-The 27 Brigade have made two touch. The ball comes back to the three modes there is the forwards due to 110 yards away! Pinkerton flies from the South of England most week-ends to play for the

Glasgow club. Alrariconians,

Henderson signed for Stirling Albion. He started his professional career with them, then had spells with Dunfermline and St Mirren before returning to the Albion, Last season he played for Albion Rovers and Allon—

Faithful Charles

Charles Elliott is best known as opening butsman for Derbying Captain Paddy Ryan so shire. Behind the scenes, however he has long been the right hand men of football manager former Derbyshire batsman, had Elliott as his chief scout with Birmingham City and Coventry Graham Turner is only slx, City. Now that he has taken but he is a keen fisherman, over Derby County Elliott has While engling on Norfolk Broads promptly resigned at Coventry

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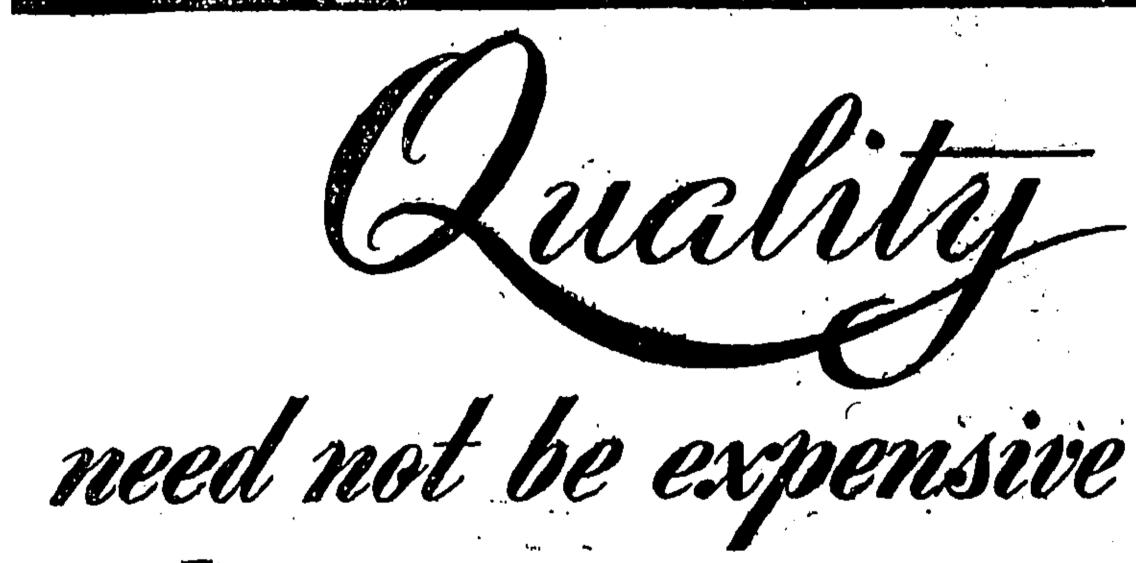
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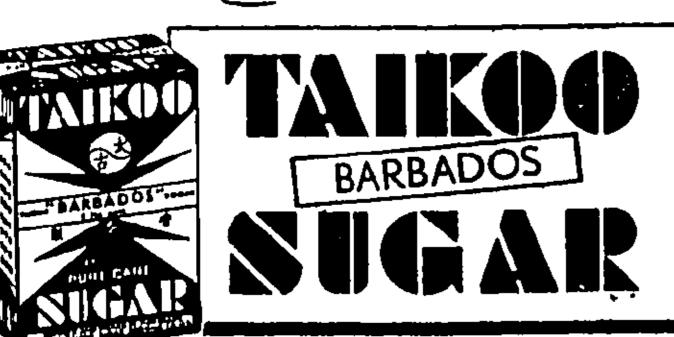
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Boys' And Girls' Christmas Pages

CAN YOU PICK $P \circ E \circ A \circ R \circ L \circ S$ FROM A TREE?

66 TY pearls!" The VI famous guests at Christmas party gathered round a woman clasping at her neck. "My pearls—where are

"Elementary," said another guest, (You know who). "Someone has hidden them as a practical joke."

He was right. The joker had hidden the pearls somewhere on the Christmas

Where? That's for you to find out. But here is a tip: FIRST give each of the ten guests named on the invitation cards (right) his or her gift from the Christmas tree (you'll see special link with a guest).

TATANT a game that is

VV just especially made for

a jolly Christmas party?

Before your guests arrive

draw a picture of a house

with a big chimney. You

can use a sheet of brown

wrapping paper for your

picture or a piece of white

cardboard if you have it.

You will need a box of

When you are ready to

play the game, fasten your

picture to a door or wall

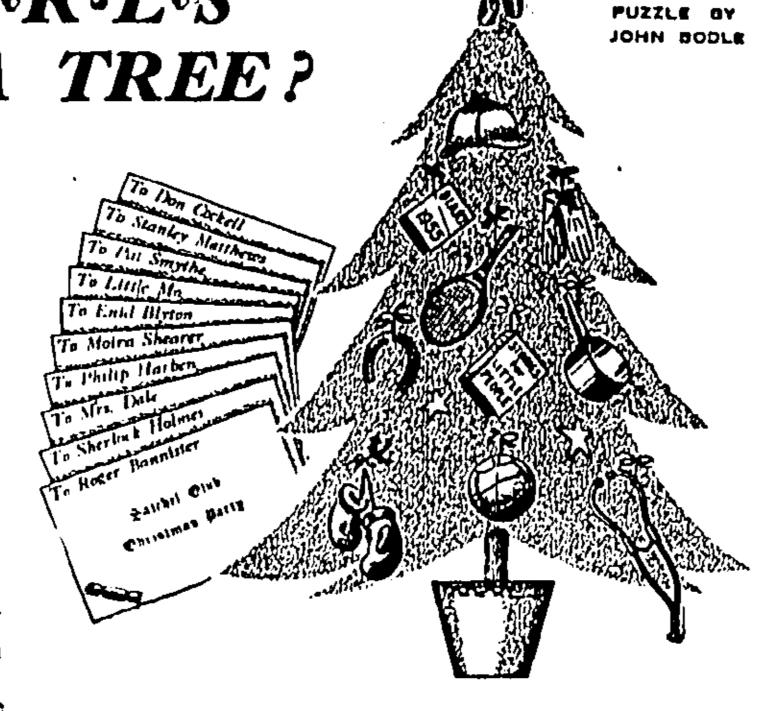
with scotch tape. Make a

little mark on the centre top

Santa Claus seals too.

of the chimney.

Here it is.



CHIMNEY

L. TO MAKE

IS SURE

that each gift has some gift....THEN you'll find where the pearls are hidden

When each guest has a -in the one gift left over.

CHRISTMAS

(Answers on Page 28)

Holidays Games For

- King
- lights us
- 10. Born is the King of Israel 11. Oh, tldings of comfort and
- 12. Christ the Saviour is born
- Answers on Page 28.

Silent Night is a good choice.

Players sit or stand in One player starts by saying "slient." Player No. "night," player No. player No. "night," and so on around the circle, with each player giving the next word to the verse.

8 Glory to the new-born

- 9 Your gay green dress de-

CHOOSE a familiar Christ-mas carol for this group game.



Joyous hollday

13 Continued stories

9 Tumult

12 Consumed

17 Sea cagle

22 Dance step

25 Lubricants 27 Otherwise

1 Weep

2 Hastens

6 Repast

15 Anger

3 Fixed course

5 Transpose (ab.)

8 Female saint (ab.)

14 Unit of reluctance

7 Social insects

16 Girl's name

19 Small island

20 Young horse

21 Essential being

22 Hawaiian food

24 Roman bronze

26 Steamship (ab.)

27 Babylonian delty

SOD GLIB BEND

SIGH LINE GRID

LOBO FLAT

SPORTS SCRAMBLEGRAM

Rearrange the letters in each of the following strange lines to

form the names of three winter

18 Levantine ketch

4 That thing

23 Feminine name

28 Gift for winter use

DOWN

10 Lease

11 Still

18 Hush

PUZZLES

CHRISTMAS

WINTRY REBUS Use the words and pictures to

nice to receive forms the centre find the four items pertaining to this season of year concealed in of this diamond, a PRESENT. The second word is "a constellation"; third "to anoint"; fifth "vigi'ant"; and sixth an abbreviation for "entomology."

PRESENT

HIDDEN TOYS

sentences has a toy hidden in it. Can you uncover them?

The humorous skit clathed the audience.

The paid five dollars for the

He became quite a toper.

WOULPN'T

(Solutions on Page 28)

1. Cut off the rim of a

9 inch ALUMINUM PLATE ...then cut off the edge.

2.CUT 5 RINGS FROM THE

BOTTOM IN THIS SHAPE.

MAKE EACH CIRCLE WIDER AT THE BOTTON THAN AT THE TOP

A SHIPLE OF

bottom of another plate. MAKE THEM FROM 9 WONES TO

4. String the stars and the rings together like this with a NEEDLE and BLACK T_iHREAD. STRING STARS ! TIE STARS AND CIRCLES
TO THE RUN SO IT WILL
BALANCE. HANG IT WHERE
IT WILL TURN IN THE AIR
CURRENTS.

NEWEST IDEA IN WRITING! NEW

Dmart Det

COMBINES

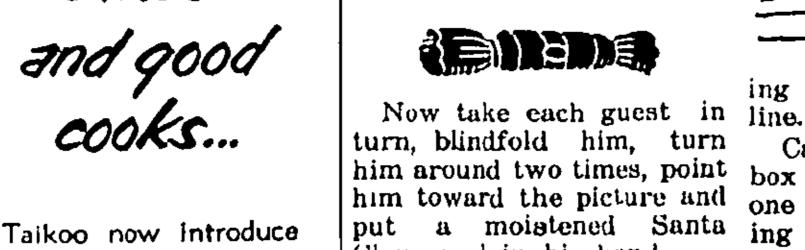
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him toward the picture and put a moistened Santa Claus seal in his hand. The idea is to have each guest walk over to the picture and paste his Santa Claus seal on the chimney.

The one coming nearest to the centre mark wins the When the game is finish-

ed you will find that you have Santas everywhere, climbing in the windows and sliding down the roof! Everyone will get lots of laughs.

Here are some more:

PLACE A "mail box" (empty shoe box is fine) on the floor. Place a broom or yardstick about six feet away. Players take turns "mailing" six old greet-

ing cards from behind the

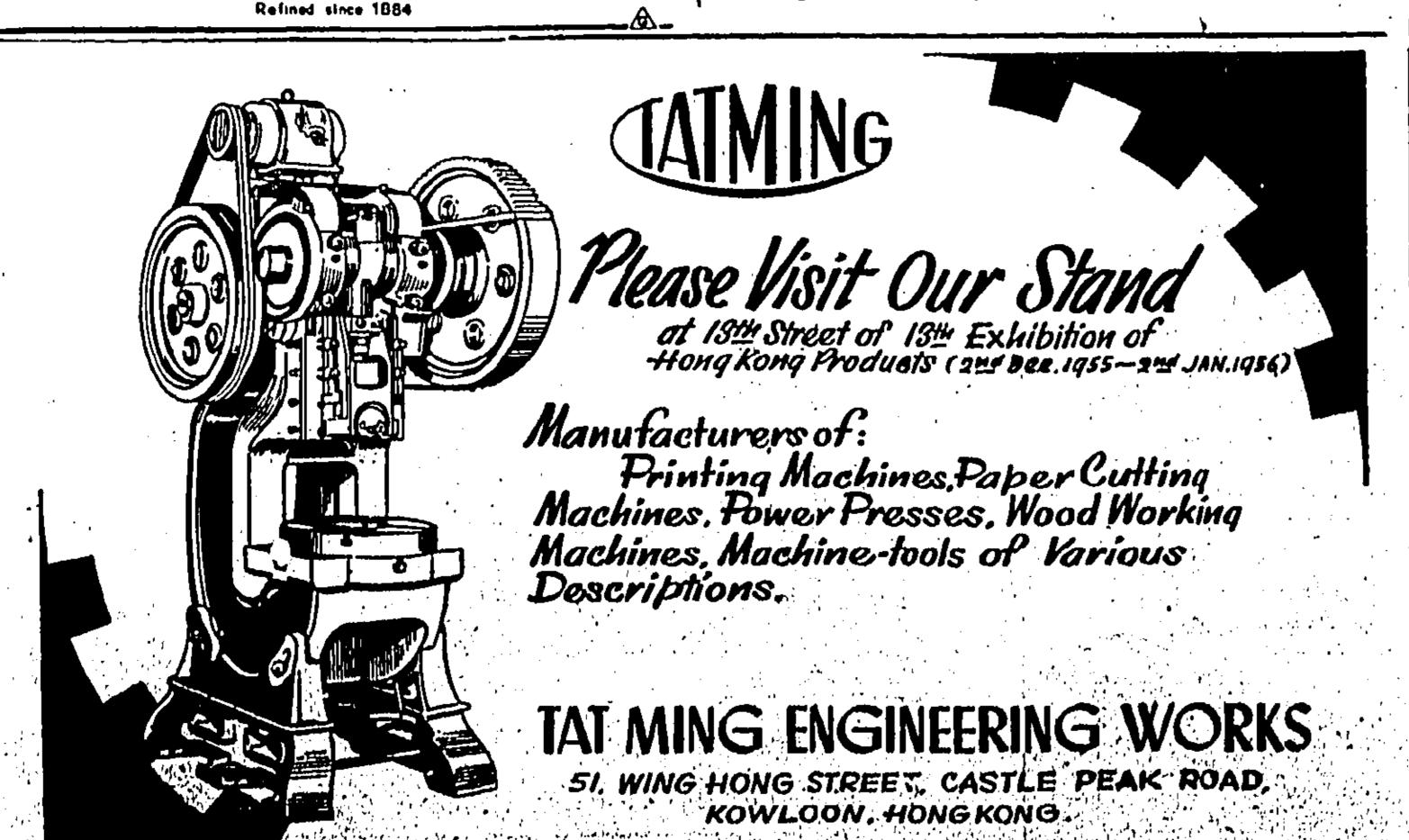
Cards landing in the him around two times, point box are "mailed" and count one point. The player mailing the most cards wins the game,

YOU CAN PROBABLY start sing all the familiar Christmas carols. But can you recognise them from their last lines? Try your luck at naming the following carols from these last phrases:

- 1. The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay
- will to men 3. Are met in Thee tonight

2. Of peace on earth, good

- 4. And heaven, and heaven and nature sing
- 5. Oh come let us adore him, Christ the Lord
- 6. Guide us to Thy perfect
- 7. To hear the angels sing



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STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

The White Golliwog

66\X7HAT is that noise?" asked Rocker the handsome rocking - horse,

Mrs Mason's toy shop.

French doll told him.

crying, Fifette?'

"Because he fell into a pail of distemper which some boy put down on his way upstairs. When he came back and found Golly had fallen in, he tossed the Lion. for some child. I can't think black " why. I shall be quite happy to stay here doing nothing but decorate the window."

Not much fear of your staying here," put in Grey Elephant slowly. "You know all the children are mad to "Clever Fairy!" laughed Fifette, "I'm for you," and take me away,"

"Boo-hoo-boo!"

Bear, "Can't we help him? Per- wog?" white would come off."

white. I don't.'



who had only just come to black, Bones, would you!" put make her fortune." in Sailor Boy, "Black gollywogs don't like being while "It's only Golly crying," the any more than white dogs would like to be black."

> rocking-horse, "Couldn't wo drop Golly into something black and made him his right colour agaln?"

"How? What?" roared Leo

him up on the top shelf out of "I think Golly looks very nice sight. Poor Golly's afraid he white," murmured the last of will be left there and for the Christmas Fairles gently. gotten, and he was hoping to be "He's such a dear. Any child chosen as a Christmas present would love him white or



have you. None of us will get Sailor Boy. "The crying's a look-in till you are gone." s'opped. Come down, Golly, "So you want me to go, do and let's see what we can do

afraid I'm too expensive for A very white face framed in most little girls, but one day very white hair peeted over the down below.

"Boo-hoo!" sobbed a weak "I don't want to come down," biggest ball in the shop, little voice from far above them. Golly gulped, "You'll all laugh Bouncey, so bounce your very at me. I'm white all over, and hardest. Golly can jump on to "Poor Goffy!" sighed Teddy whoever heard of a white golly- you when you're as high as

haps if we brushed him the "You'll be what's called a down together." novelty," pointed out Bouncey "Of course it won't silly," the big coloured ball, "You but soon it was growing light, cried Bones the white terrier, might even start a fashion, This "Can't think why he minds being isn't a big shop, and old Mrs Mison is very kind though she

"You wouldn't like to be hasn't much money. You might

"D-do you really th-think pso," sluttered Golly, feeling all hot and excited. "I like making people happy. That's why I "Who's Golly, and why is he "True, true," agreed the wanted to be somebody's Christmas present."

> "You won't be if you stay up there crying," said Plush the ginger cat. "You'll just grow dusty and patchy, and then no one will want you."

"I_I can't get down. It's too far to jump," cried Golly.

"Can't you jump on to my back?" asked Rocker. "I'm strong, and I should break your

"It's too far even to your back," sobbed Golly.

"You've a long neck, Raff. Can't you get him down?" askod Grey Elephant,

The giraffe held up his neck

towards the shelf. But Goly

was still far above his head. "I know," cried the Fairy, someone will come in a blg car coge of the shelf at the toys clapping her hands, "Bouncey must fetch him. You're the

> Bouncey began to bounce, and he had not bounced nearly high enough to reach Golly. "Never mind, Golly," said the gentle Fairy "We'll try again

tonight."

his shelf, and you can come

That day many of the toys were sold. The Fairy was chosen quite early in the morning, and both Plush and Bones left Mrs. Mason's shop during the after-Just before the shop was shut, a young man came hurrying in. He bought Lee the Lion and Rocker the rocking-horse. He took Leo with him, but Rocker was to be sent the next morning.

When all was dark and quiet, the toys thought of poor lonely Golly, and they urged Bouncey to try harder than ever to reach

"I've been thinking," sald Rocker slowly, "Why don't you bounce from the counter instead of from the floor, Bouncey? You'd have a good start and should easily reach the shelf."

All the toys thought this a good idea, and when Mr and Mrs Brick and all their big family had made a stairway for He tooked very handsome with him. Bouncey climbed up on to sparkling frost in his hair and the counter and began to strands of tinsel in his hands. bounce.

Sallor Boy, "Bouncey nearly he was finally taken down and did it that time."

Golly nodded. He was too at the party! much excited to speak, but his bright eyes followed Bouncey as he rose and fell. Then he saw his chance and took it. A moment later a hot Bouncey and a strange white Golly reached the counter together.

"Now lot us look at you. Golly," said Rocker, "Can'l say you look like an ordinary gollywog, but you're original and that's what most people want to be. Straighten your coat, and then you snall sit on that shelf with all the best toys. I have to go away in the morning, but I don't think you'll stay here very long after I'm gone,"

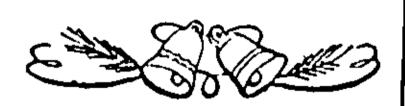
"I do hope you're right, I want to really belong to someone who

Golly beamed.

"You will," said Grey Elephant. "Now come and sit by me and don't fidget." It was just before lunch the next day that a lady came into the shop with her little girl. Mrs Mason went forward to serve them.

"We want a fairy doll, please, for our Carlsumas Tree, Susan is having a Christmas party, and we quite lorgot the fairy for the top of the tree."

Mrs Muson looked worried. "I'm very sorry," she said, "but I haven't a fairy don left. I sold the last one yesterday, and it's too near Chris.mas now to order more. I suppose you wouldn't like a silver star. or that pretty frosted beil?" The lady looked at her little girl, but Susan was staring hard



we have him, Mummy?" she asked, "I think I'd like him better than a fairy. He's different, and he makes me want to laugh and feel happy."

Both Susan's mother and Mrs Mason looked at Golly, "What is it?" asked the little girl's mother. "I — I don't quite know,

began Mrs Mason, but Susan broke in: "It's a gollywog, a white trimming. gollywog, and I love him,"

"How much is he?" Mrs Mason fetched Golly, and in a very few minutes he was made into a neat parcel, which Susan carried very care-

On the day of the party no one was happier than Golly. From his important place on the tree, he could watch all the children enjoying themselves. and every child wanted him, "Are you ready, Golly?" cried How happy Golly was when given to the youngest little girl

my life," he murmured, and al- Stir it all together well.



Flatten each ball into a flat, round lollipop. Press a wooden

Use some of the left-over Next put half a cup of marmixture to press on the skewer garine and thirty marshmallows in the top of a double boiler and hold it firmly in place. over boiling water. Now add a little red or green food colourred-gerator. Then wrap in white wax paper or red or ing to the melted mashmallows

Pour the contents of the bow on each handle. my life," he murmured, and although the little girl did not
understand what he was saying
she hugged him tight all the way

Stir it all together well.

Now with clean, greased one's stocking. Be sure and
hands divide the mixture into keep some to eat yourself, for
ten small balls, leaving one they are a real treat. Try them



HERE COMES THE PUDDING

Why not make your own Christmas card?

Simply colour this picture with paints or crayons,

paste it on to a piece of card about 5 inches wide and

6 inches deep, and sign your name at the bottom.

You Can Make These

skewer into each lollipop.

Chill for a little while in the great certophane. The a bright 1///

and seel



SANTA CLAUS PHONES

a shallow pan. Set the oven

for 350 degrees and ask mother

to light it for you. Leave the

cereal in the oven for ten

Now grease a targe mixing

bowl and put the coreal in it,

and margarine.

handful in the bowl

- He Wants Many Pets Ready For Christmas Gifts -

By MAX TRELL

TUST as Knarf, the shadowboy with the turned-about name, entered the Playroom, the telephone began ringing. It wasn't a regular telephone. It was a telephone that belonged to Mr Punch and Judy. Knorf saw Mr Punch going behind the bookcase to answer

Mysterious Conversation

"Just pardon me a moment," Mr Punch said to Knarf. "I'll see who it is."

Then Knarf heard Mr Punch speaking to someone over the

"Oh, hello there, S.C.," Knarf heard Mr Punch say. "How things going with you? Pretty busy ch? Well, you always ARE pretty busy this time of the year. Income and smiled. "I suppose you'd a pause during which he listen—who S.C. is, would not be other party program. ed to the other party speaking. "Yes," said I "I'll be giad to get them for you, wanted to ask. S.C. I'll get right on it. Good- it was polite.

walting for him in the chair by for Claus." the window.



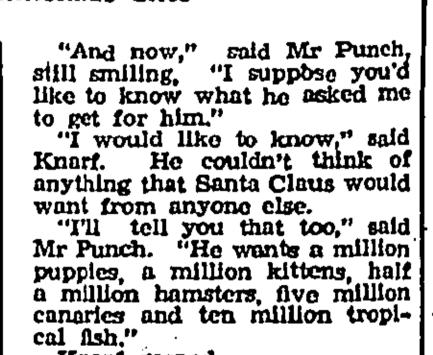
Mr Punch takes a timely phone order from St Nicholas.

"I suppose you'd like to know who S.C. is, wouldn't you?"

"Yes," said Knarf. He hadn't

He turned to Knarf, who was Santa Claus: S for Santa and C

Rupert's Deep Sea Adventure-54



Knarf gasped. "This is the reason he wants them," said Mr Punch. "Pupples and kittens and canaries and hamsters and tropical fish are presents that lots of children, millions and millions of them, would like to get for Christmas. But they aren't presents that Santa Claus can make in that Mr Punch looked at Knarf's big toy shop of his up near the acc and smiled. North Pole. But he's got to have them, just the same."
"So he asked you?" said

> get them all ready." "Aren't yu going to send them up to Santa Claus?" Knarl wanted to know.

Ready-For Sents-

"No. I'll just get thom all brushed and combed and curled and cleaned up and well-fed, and when S.C. comes down here on Christmas Eve to give out his presents from the big sled with his reindeers, I'll have all the live presents all roady for him to give away. I'm glad to help old S.C. any time I can," said Mr Punch.

Knarf could understand that all right. He know that old S.C. helped everyone else. But what he couldn't understand was where Mr Punch was going to gt a million puppies, a million kittens, half a million hamsters, five million consries and isn million tropical fish.

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With that Mr Punch hung up. With that Mr Punch hung up. Walting for him in the chair by the window.

"Yes," said Knarl. He hadn't think wanted to ask. He didn't think to do it for S.C. He doesn't need them right away, of course. There's still a week before Christmas comes around. But I'll start going around to the pet shops tomorrow morning and the window.

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When Punch nodded. "I'm glad to do it for S.C. He doesn't need them right away, of course. There's still a week before Christmas comes around. But I'll start going around to the pet shops tomorrow morning and get them all ready."

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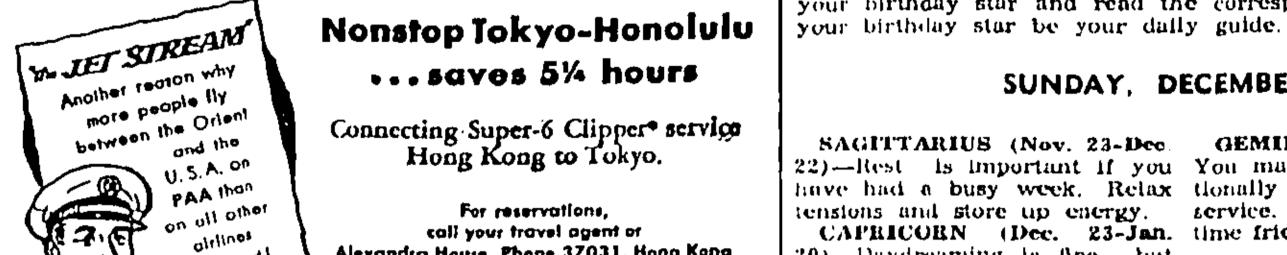
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TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)will find it interesting.

need to rebuild energies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)-22)-Rest is important if you You may meet someone excephave had a busy week. Relax tionally interesting at church tensions and store up energy, service. Could become a life-CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. time friend. 20)—Daydreaming is fine but

you need to instrument your areams to make them come You may be able to benefit from an elephant in order to extract AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 10) what you hear to heart and act buy the whole elephant, -- Reading and quiet relaxation on it! LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—

at home bring you the rest you Get off by yourself for some PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — quiet thought. It will do you Don't make even a verbal com- much good. until you have VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)-

gathered all the facts and If there is a special fund being raised in your neighbourhood, LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—

quiet and contemplative. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)-If you are asked to volunteer Spiritual exercises-and then for church work do it. You some rest! That will do you a world of good this week-end.

DORN today, you are so quiet, self-possessed and uncommunica-D tive that you are one person at home—and an entirely rooms in a council house is different individual on the job. You are so conscientious about "only just large enough for him plonships, held in July in Amyour work that you never let anything interefere and, as a rule, to get into" is better off than sterdam. The bidding was high, you wear a long, perious face for the office staff to see. But at the gigantic lady who had home, when you cast off your worries of the work-a-day world, sleep with her feet sticking out to match. you are charming, carefree and happy-go-lucky.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... BY STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

DORN today, you are probably an emotional extremist and you

D do everything with such vim and gusto that no matter how

original or conventional your ideas may be, they—and you—are eventually accepted as "gospel" by the world in general. You are a fighter and will exert force as well as will power to achieve your ultimate goal. You are an idealist and accept nothing unless

places of this earth during your lifetime. You are able to make

yourself quite at home anywhere. In selecting your partner for

life, make sure that you choose someone who also has that talent for making any house or room a home! If both of you have

"gypsy foot," then the two of you can find happiness together, anywhere. But, if you wed someone who wants to "stay put,"

there is little use trying to find permanent happiness together. Make sure, before you make the final decision, for your loyalties

would make it difficult, if not impossible, for you to make a

maker. Since you enjoy only the best of everything, it is well

that you will be able to afford it. But if there are times when money is a little scarce, just learn to budget a little better.

Edwards, composers; Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, actor; John

Greenleaf Whittler, poet; Alexander Agassis, naturalist; William

Harkness, astronomer; William Floyd, statesman; James H.

your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Fortunately for one of your tastes, you are a good money-

Among those born on this date are: Beethoven and Julian

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select

change, once your decision has been made.

Fond of travel, it is likely that you will see many of the far

Your emotions are exceptionally strong but, early in life, you found a battered bowler hat except that he hoped to make have learned to keep them strictly under control, never showing hanging on one foot, and where your affections lie. This can be most disconcerting to the haversack full of state fish on against six hearts. As it turned one you love, especially if it happens to be someone who is, by the other. "This," said she, "will out, however, the failure to sacnature, a genuinely demonstrative person.

You are attractive to and attracted by members of the opposite sex and probably will have numerous opportunities to Councillor Upchurch. The lady wed. Take plenty of time in making your selections, for it can bought from a scrap merchant a certainly affect your future welfare, happiness and your material few bits of old railing, to prosuccess. For, if you are discontented at home, the results will tect her feet from passers-by. ding on a queen-high spade suit. show up in the declining calibre of your professional work. You And there the matter rusts at have to be wholcheartedly happy to do your best on the job.

Among those born on this date are: Lyman Abbott and Parkes Cadman, noted clergymen; Theodule Ribot, psychologist; Edward MacDowell; composer; George D, Prentice, noted editor; Lynn Bari and Mary Nolan, actresses; Alfred B. Street, author. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your dally gulde.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)return to pose a serious prob- adaptable, all will go well.

attitude can chase most of your while the iron is hot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) -You can sense that feeling of you have completed an im-

portant job. you wish to act wisely in a friends.

business matter. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) - The will and the energy to strong controlling hand on the long run.

situation. boredom and duliness.

ACROSS

1. There's something sugary about this tit-bit. (5, 7)
7. To tter into a painter. (10)
8. One of seven for

10. The cad is an otter for the most part.

11. How the prange got about 1 (0)

12. You've in modern slang means you won't yet it. (6, 2)

14. He was in it in the first war. (8)

16. Chather in the harvest with the fruit for perry and the templi editor. (10)

10. (10)

Just donkey from Spanish lands.

22)-Someone you may not Circumstances may not be to have seen for many years may your liking, but if you are

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. CANCER (June 22-July 23)-20)-This can be truly a "blue A new idea can prove very Monday," but a positive, smiling gainful if only you will hit

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)-The job may be a tough one sitting on top of the world, if today. But if you are efficient and smart you can solve it.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 28)-PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) --- You are one of the fortunate Test facts and the soundness of ones who can make definite your source of information if gains today. Make some new

Even though conditions at the work and get a job done well office are annoying, keep a will be beneficial to you in the **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)-

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) --- Pay close attention to all you Mental stimulation will go n hear. Some bit of information long way toward dispelling may clude you unless you're



This Funny World

"I wonder where my mother learned all the things she tells me not to do"

. BY . THE . WAY .

Beachcomber

T PROTESTED some time ago up a disincentive to sales reagainst the absurd system, sistance, to counter a growing still in force, by which a scient- non-disincentive. Sing hey, sing CANCER (June 22-July 23) - ist who wants the toe-nails of he, sing niddy-noddy-no. a good sermon today. Take the protein called keratin has to

> Even the makers of billiard balls only have to buy the tusks. Why cannot the curators of zoos collect the clippings at the annual nail-cutting and sell them to the scientists? Falling that, is there no down-at-heel maharajah who would oblige, at, say, 4s. 6d. a gross? Otherwise a howl will go up about the shortege of keratin, and on dark nights toe-nail poachers will prowl round the cages, eyeing the huge feet with considerable malice aforethought.

Treasure trove

THE large man who has com-A plained that one of the through a window. One morning i she awoke, drew in her feet and six spades going down only 700, get the neighbourhood a bad rifice was a clue to declarer's name." "It will certainly get correct play. nou a bad name," riposted

Of course not

A N advertisement for "two | A. performing seals to act them to advertise would be fish chance that the king of hearts thrown by a girl in tights. But would drop on the acc. I am not quite clear in my mind about the details of organisation. I suppose the commercial traveller in charge of them will have to take them with him on his tours, using them to persuade reluctant shopkeepers-I beg your pardon. I mean, to set

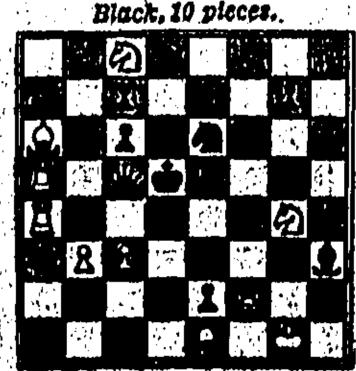
TARGET

HOM mans !--

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	rom the letters in the square on the right?	N.		A
	making each word, the letters in each of the	U		M
	amail squares only. Each v the large for square, and	vord t	nust (centre centre
	least one nine list No piura no proper TARGET: 66	o-letter is: no i names	word oreign T(in the words: DAY'S
1	words, very	200¢	. 88	words.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Equip etui inept inlet lien lieu line lint iupin lupine pile pine pint pintle pique piquet quiet quiit quint quinte DUINTUPLE quip quit quite tile tine tulip unique unit unite unit unquiet untie until untile.

By N. VAN DIJK



White, 10 pieces.

White to play! mate in three.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Clue In Bidding Leads To Slam

By OSWALD JACOBY

MODAY'S hand was played in L the European Team Chamwide, and handsome, with play

West would have sacrificed at a tricks with both of the red kings

West opened the queen of spades, and declarer won in dummy with the ace. It seemed This fact, together with West's failure to sacrifice at six spades, persuaded declarer that West

had both of the red kings. With this thought in mind as South ruffed dummy's second travelling salesmen," caught by spade and led the ace of trumps. eye. The obvious thing for There was, after all, a fair

NORTH

♠ A 5 **♥** J7642 **◆83** / ♣ Q864 WEST EAST **▲ QJ97.43 ♠** K 1082 **♦ 10 85** [™] ◆K742 **♣**J9732 SOUTH (D) ¥AQ883 **♦**AQJ9 #AK10 North-South vul. West North East 3 **♥** 5 **♥** 4 🌲 Pass Pass Pass Opening lead-A Q

When nothing startling happened on the ace of hearts, South continued with the and king of clubs. West discarded a spade, and South abandoned clubs in order to lead a second round of trumps. Now West was on play with no safe way to get out. If he led a spade, South would ruff while during discarded the losing diamond. If West instead led diamond, South would get free finesse. Either way South was sure to make his slam con-

Q.-The bidding has been: East South 1 Heart Pass > 1 Spade Pass N.T. Pass 7.
You, South, hold: N.T. Pass

AAQ982 VQ765 4K 102 A2 What do you do? A Bld three hearts. You have excellent trump support, a singleton, and 11 points in high verds. For our well afford to give

YODAY'S QUESTION. The bidding is the same as in the dissilon just answered. You, South, hold: What do you do?

tion to rame.

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preceding word. 4. It may be associated with the preceding word in a saying, simile, metaphor, or association oding word a name of a well-

the preceding word in a title or in the action of a book, play, or other composition. A typical succession of words might be; Derby—Crown—Brown—Brudy—Study—Brud — Bust—Rust known person, place, or thing in fact or flotion. 6. It may be associated with

(Solution on Page 28)



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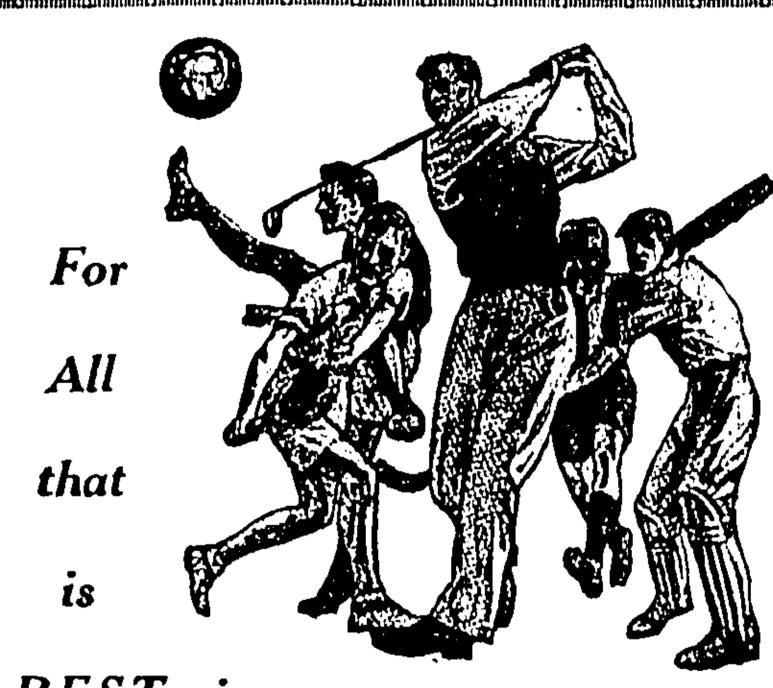
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Bearded Robert

The men wore one, was part of the mystery of a man, spent in idleness. one of the veils, not easily torn down, that stood between him and a public display of his more obvious weaknesses.

most part dull, signifying no had taken him away, or perhaps more than that their wearers of despair that had exiled him; are or have been in the Royal dreams that had died under the Navy, or in a certain sort of stark sun, or despair that had film, or suffering from a skin drained him of the will to live infection, or hoping to be like a man.

Robert's beard, compared to shook his head. these, was outstanding. Each some dull expedient rule. LORRY CABS

DOBERT marched into the A dock at Bow Street one morning recently and pleaded not guilty to lottering with intent to steal from the cabs of parked lorries.

While two policemen told Sir Laurence Dunne, the chief magistrate, of their watch upon Robert, and of what they had seen, he brooded in silence behind his beard.

"We saw him," one policeman sald, "looking into the cabs of lorries parked near Covent Garden market.'

NO STATEMENT 6611/E noticed," said the second officer, "that there were coats and other articles in each of the lorry-cabs this man looked into."

The policemen stood down. Robert had declined to question cither's story. "Now it's your turn," Sir

Laurence sald to him. "I have no statement to make whatsoever." said Robert. the tone of a politician about whom reporters have discovered something interesting. EIGHT PREVIOUS

evidence given by the police, Stanley Matthews, rootball: Pat and I find you gullty." He Smythe, horsesnoe: Little Mo, tennus turned to the officer in charge | racket, Enid Biyton, Book; Motta of the case, "Anything known?" he asked.

"Eight previous convictions," Roger Bennister, stethoscope. officer answered. one is for dishonesty. The others are mostly for wandering Little Town of Bethlenein; 4. Joy abroad, and lodging in the open

Laurence. "He's 43 years old, sir, and

was born in the Isle of Wight." Night. AFRICAN INTERLUDE 66TOES he work?"

"Not since he came There had been until then no Sir Winston Churchill. 3. Pandit back from East Africa, in 1951."

nothing was volunteered as to what had brought him back, or why the years since had been "Do you want to say anything more to me?" Sir Laurence

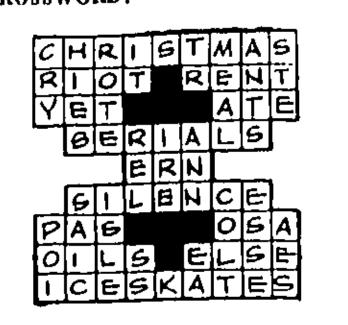
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asked Robert. That would have been the moment for Robert to tell, with fire and passion, preferably, of Nowadays, beards are for the the dreams of adventure that

He was sent to prison for bristle somehow seemed to bear three months, and went away in a kind of exasperated authority, silence, the challenging upward It had not, clearly, been grown tilt of his chin exaggerated by just for fun or to comply with his beard, his expression from public view.

> BOYS AND GIRLS PAGE SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD:



SPORTS SCRAMBLEGRAM: Bots deading, Football; Sleigh riding, DIAMOND:



HIDDEN TOYS: s(kit c) lated; (doli)ars: (top)er. WINIRY REBUS: Santa Claus; Tinsel; Ice hockey. HADDEN PEARLS: The pearls were in the gioves near top of tree ... the ELEVENTH gut and 66 [ERY well," said the chief | the one left over after too TEN magistrate. "I accept the guests had received their gitts, like Shearer, bauet shoes: Philip Harben, saucepan: Mrs Date, diary, Sherlock Holmes, decratalker hat, DOCTOR ANSWERS TO CAROLO: I. AWRY

in a Manger: 2. I Heard tho Bells on Christmes Day; 3. On, to the World; 5. Oh, Come All Ye Faithful; 8. We Three Kings of Urient Are; 7. It Came Upon a Mid-"Tell me about him," said Sir night Clear: 8. Hark the Heraid Augela Sing; 9. Oh, Christmas Tree; 10 The First Noel; 11, God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; 12, Stient

SOLUTIONS

mention of East Africa—not of Lady Eden, 6. Miss Moirs Shearer.

or how long by stought and 7. Miss Mauroen Connoily, 8, Donaid or how long he stayed; and Duck,

Pro-German Saar Parties Certain Victory

Saarbrucken, Dec. 16. The campaign for Sunday's Saar elections will end at noon tomorrow with three pro-German parties almost certain of a sweeping majority in the 50 But Robert said nothing, just seat Landtag (parliament).

Saar public reaction to the electioneering campaign has been generally apathetic, in spite of efforts to whip up decently curtained by his beard | the excitement by the use of martial music at meetings.

> Nine parties are contesting the election. Most vigorous in their conduct of the campaign are the three pro-German parties, grouped into Heimatbund coalition under former Nazi propaganda expert, Dr Heinrich Schneider, Dr Schneider has exploited to the full the anti-French feeling in the Saur.

Former Nazis

The Heimathund has put forward as candidates 53 former Nazis, Including Herr Peter Engel, a former warder of the Dagnau concentration camp. The two European parties uncer Herr Johannes Hothmarn. Christian Democrat leader, have campaigned in a less spectacular way. Their theme has been the prosperity and full employment in the Saar due to economic union with France. Observers here consuer the appeal has little chance of success, -France-Presse,

REPAIRED TANKS SENT **EGYPT**

Antewerp, Dec. 16. Directors of the port of Antwerp revealed today that 208 repaired British tanks have been shipped from Antwerp to Egypt since last July.

The tanks, which a spokesman for the port authority, said had been destined for the scrap heap in England, had been purchased two Belgian firms and shipped to Egypt abroad two Egyptian ships.

The spokesman said that 100 tanks were shipped in July, 100 Lancashire in English league in September and eight in cricket last summer and appears not comment on reports that a new shipmernt would leave for Egypt next Monday. The spokesman described the

shipments as a normal commercial operation. The subject of arms shipments | being 'op scorer with 57 for to Egypt was brought up last South Australia. Tuesday in the Belgian House of Commons, and was treated in was 42 not out and Bob Roxby an article in a Brussels morning 41. newspaper today. - France-

SOLUTIONS TO AFTER-DINNER CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Berlin. 4, Master. Carolling, 9. Chef. 10. Garb. 11. Bover, 13. Scents. 14. Radier. 15. Octave, 17. Beards. 19. Eaten. 20. Hoar. 22. Snub. 23. Listening. 24. Binger. 25. So what. Down: i. Bricks. 2. Leaf. 3. Nooses. 4. Miller. 5. Song. 6. Rubber. 7. Celestial, 8. Gathering, 11. Stove. 12.

Raven. 15. Others. 16. Easter. 17.

Beanos, 18. Sub-let. 21. Ring. 32.

Italy Suggested For Security Council Seat

United Nations, Dec. 16. Italy has been suggested in the lobbles as a possible compromise candinate for Nations United Security Council seut, which will be vacated by Turney at the end of December, an informed source said today.

in four ballots today failed to break a deadlock between the Phinppines and Yugoslavia, both of which failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majointy, Elections will be continued later today.-France-Presse.

S. Australia Shattered

Adelaide, Dec. 16. Fast bowler Pat Crawyear, took five wickets for same hotel, would hold further 75 for New South Wales discussions this evening. against South Australia in the Sheffield Shield match here today.

New South Wales had scored 51 for modifying the agreement without loss in reply to South signed in July, 1954, to dissolve Australia's first innings total of the Netherlands-Indonesia Union.

Crawford, 22, played for East October. The spokesman would to be a near certainty for the australian side.

Fine Debut Tim Colley, a 20-year-old

left-handed batsman, made a fine debut in Shreld cricket, John Drennan, a fast bowler,

Australia 216 (P. Crawford five for 75, K. Miller three for 18). Irian and the fate of 18 for 75, K. Miller three for 18). Irian and the fate of 18 Parade." Presented by Nick Kend-new South Wates 51 for no Netherlands nationals who are all; 8, Redditusion's Jazz Club wickets.-Rueter.

DARTWORDS SOLUTION BANBURY Cross Crest Chest BANBURY Cross Cress Cres Cement Clement Saint Paint Pint over West Irlan is and will re-Button Mutton Chops Crops Docks Ducks Drakes Brakes Braces Cabers Capers Scrape ACQUAINTANCE.

"I'm buying George a dictionary for Christmas-sometimes we spell words when we talk in front of our baby

The General Assembly

Talks Suggestion Geneva, Dec. 16. Indonesia proposed at the Netherlands-

Indonesia conference here today that delegates should sign separate agreements on each problem settled instead of one overall agreement. The Netherlands delegation, headed by Mr Joseph Luns, deferred the decision on the proposal. The delegates cancelled plans | ment would not ratify the re-

and George is such a bad speller!"

Dutch-Indonesian

for another full meeting later sults of the present conference ford, a challenger for a today, but it was expected that unless the 18 Netherlands place in the Australian Mr Luns, and Indonesia's chief prisoners are released.—Franceteam to tour England next delegate, Anak Agung Gde Presse.

Meantime, informed observers said the delegates were likely to agree on point one of their H.K.T. At the close on the first day four-point agenda, which calls

Well Received

Agreement is possible economic and financial questions, because the policy outlined on these questions, which Indonesia's Premier, Mr Burhanuddin Harahap, made on December 8, was well received observers said.

These are the status of West nouncements and Interlude;

Netherlands delegation sources "God Save The Queen". Close sald the Netherlands Parlia- Down.

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T. M. Rog, U. B. Pat. Off. Copr. 1994 by NEA Service, Inc.

By Galbraith

Rediffusion

11. Morning Medicy — Popular Concert Selections; 11.30, Royal Crowns of England; 12 noon, Tune Time—Popular Tunes; 12.30 p.m., Music By Roth — Featuring The Allen Roth Orchestra and Chorus; 1. Pipes Of Melody; 1.15. News, Weather Report and Special Announcements; Payourites Beyied Memories-Old by Mantovani Orchestra; 2, Hospital Requests presented by Jean; 3, Wayne King Berenade-Featuring The Wayne King Orchestra and Chorus; 5.30, Secrets of Scotland Yard-Narrated by Clive Brook; 4, In The Morgan Manor-Starring Russ Morgan, with Guest Artists 130, Melony magic by the Netherlands Government, Songs for Reminiscing; 5.30, Ruythm Parade—Instrumental Music; 0, It was expected that the quests presented by Linds. Calling: delegates would split over the Bignal and The News, (London Summarised scores: South two other agenda points, keiny); 7.09, Weather Report, An-Christmas Carols; 7.30, "Juke Box held in Indonesian prisons.

Indonesia claims that West Sport; 9, The Shriro Hit Parade—
Irlan became part of Indonesia The 8 Top Tunes of The Week; 9.30, when Indonesian independence hancock, haif hour-with long Hancock, Moira Lister, Bill Kerr,



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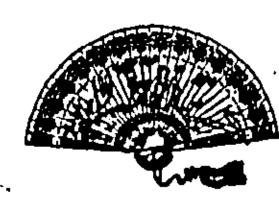
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